



ANNO QVINTO
ET SEXTO EDVARDI
SEXTI.

ACTES

made in the Session of this
present parliament, holden vpo prozo-
gacion at Westminster, the .xxiii. daie
of Januarie, in the fieneth yere of the
reigne of our moste drad souereigne
Lorde, Edward the. VI. by the grace
of God, kyng of Englande, Fraunce,
and Irelande, defendour of the faith,
and of the Churche of Englande and
Irelande, in earth the supzeme hede:
and there continued and kept til
the .xv. daie of Aprill, in the
vi yere of the reigne of
our saied souerei-
gne lorde, as
foloweth



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The first Chapter.

An Acte for the vniformitie of
common praiſer, and adminiſtration
of the Sacramentes.

Here there hath bene a very Godly
order ſettefurthe, by auctoritie of
Parlament, for common praiſer, &
adminiſtration of the Sacramen-
tes, to be vſed in the mother tong,
within this church of Englande,
agreable to the worde of God, and
the primatiue Church, very com-
fortable to all good people deſi-
ryng to lyue in chriſtian conuerſa-
tion, and moſt profitable to the eſ-
tate of this realme, vpon the whi-
che, the mercy, fauour, and bleſſing

of almighty God, is in no wiſe ſo redily, and plentifully powred, as
by commune praiſers, due vſyng of the Sacramentes, and often prea-
chyng of the Goſpell, with the deuotion of the hearers, and yet this not
withſtandynge, a greate number of people in diuers partes of this Re-
alme, folowynge their owne ſenſualitie, and liuyng either without kno-
wlege, or due feare of God do wilfully and dampnably before almighty
God abſteine, and reſuſe to come to their Paroche Churches, and o-
ther places where commune praiſer, adminiſtration of the Sacramen-
tes & preachynge of the worde of God is vſed vpon the Sondays and
other daies ordeined to be holy daies.

For reformation herof, be it enacted by the Kyng our Souereigne
lorde, with the aſſent of the lordes, and communes, in this preſent par-
lament aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of theſame, that from and af-
ter the feaſt of al Sainctes nexte comynge, al, and euery perſone and
perſones, inhabityng within this realme, or any other the kynges ma-
ieſties Dominions, ſhall diligently, and faithfully (hauynge no lawfull
or reſonable excuſe to be abſent) endeuour themſelues to reſort to their
paroche church, or chappell accuſtomed, or vpon reſonable let therof
of, to ſome vſual place where commune praiſer, & ſuche ſeruite of god
ſhalbe vſed in ſuche tyme of let, vpon euery Sondaye, and other daies
ordeined, and vſed to be kepte as holy dayes, and then, and there to a-
byde orderly, & ſoberly, durynge the tyme of the commune praiſer, prea-
chynges, or other ſeruite of God, there to be vſed and miniſtered, vpon
paine of puniſhment by the Cenſures of the church.

And for the due execution herof, the kynges moſt excellent Ma-
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testie, the lordes temporall, and all the commons in this present Parliament assembled, doth in Gods name earnestly require, and charge all the Archebishops, Bishops, and other Ordinaries, that they shall endeavour themselves, to the uttermost of their knowleges, that the due and true execution hereof maie be had, throughout their diocesses and charges, as they will answer before God, for suche euilles and plagues, wherewith almightie God, maie iustly punish his people, for neglectyng this good and wholesome lawe.

And for their auctoritie in this behalfe, be it further likewise enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all, and singuler, the same Archbishops, Bishops, and all other their officers exercisynge Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, aswell in place exempt, as not exempt, within their diocesses, shall haue full power and auctoritie by this acte, to reforme correct, and punish by Censures of the church, all and singuler persones, whiche shall offende within any their Jurisdictions, or diocesses after the said feast of al Saintes next comynge, against this acte and statute, any other lawe, statute, preuilege, libertie, or prouision, heretofore made, had, or suffered to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And because there hath risen, in the vse and exercise of the foresaid common seruite in the Church, heretofore set furthe, diuerse doubtess for the fashion and maner of the ministracion of the same, rather by the curiositie of the minister, and mistakers, then of any other worthy cause therfore aswell for the more plain and manifest explanacion hereof, as for the more perfeccion of the said order of common seruite, in some places where it is necessary to make the same praiser and fashion of seruite more earnest and fitte, to stirre christian people to the true honouryng of almightie God: the Kynges moste excellent maiestie, with the assent of the lordes and commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, hath caused the aforesaid order of common seruite, entituled the Booke of common praiser, to be faithfully and Godly perused, explaned, and made fully perfect, and by the foresaid auctoritie, hath annexed and ioyned it, so explaned and perfected to this present statute, addyng also a forme and maner of makynge, and consecratyng of Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, to be of like force, auctoritie, and value, as the same like foresaid booke entituled the Booke of common praiser was before, and to be accepted, receiued, vled, and esteemed, in like sorte and maner, and with the same clauses of prouisions and exceptions, to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, as by the acte of Parliament, made in the second yere of the Kynges Maiesties reigne, was ordeined, limited, expessed, and appoynted, for the vniiformitie of seruite, and administracion of the Sacramentes, throughout the realme, vpon suche seuerall paines, as in the said acte of Parliament is expessed. And the said former acte, to stand in full force and strength, to al ententes, and constructions, and to

to be applied, practised, and put in use, to, and for the establishing of the booke of common praier, now explained, and hereunto annexed, and also the said forme of makynge of Archebischoppes, Bischoppes, Priests, and Deacons, hereunto annexed, as it was for the former booke.

And by the auctoritie aforesaid it is now further enacted, that if any maner of persone, or persones, inhabiting and being, within this realme, or any other the kynges Maiesties dominions, shall after the said feast of all Saintes, wilfully, and wittingly, heare, and be present at any other maner, or forme, of common praier, or administraciō of the Sacramentes, of makynge of ministers in the churches, or of any other rites, contained in the booke annexed to this acte, then is mencioned, and set furthe in the said Booke, or that is contrary to the forme of sonderly provisions, and exceptions, contained in the foresaid former Statute, and shall be thereof convicted, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, before the Justices of Assise, Justices of Oyer and determiner, Justices of Peace in their Sessions, or any of them, by the verdict of twelve men, or by his, or their awne confession or otherwise, shall for the firste offence suffer imprisonment, for sixe monethes, without baile, or mainprise, and for the second offence, being likewise convicted, as is above said, imprisonment for one whole yere, and for the thirde offence, in like maner imprisonment, during his, or their liues. And for the more knowlege to be geuen hereof, and better obsetuacion of this lawe: be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all, and singuler curates, shall upon one Sondate euery quarter of the yere, during one whole yere, next folowynge the foresaid feast of all Saintes next comynge, rede this present acte in the Church, at the tyme of the moste assembly, and likewise ones in euery yere folowynge, at the same tyme declaryng vnto the people, by the auctoritie of the scripture, how the mercy and goodnes of God, hath in all ages bene shewed to his people, in their necessities, and extremities, by meanes of hartie and faithfull praiers, made to almightie God, especially where people be gathered together with one faith and mynde, to offer vp their hartes by praier, as the best Sacrifices that christian men can yeld.

¶ The.ii. Chapter.

¶ An acte, for the provision and relief of the pooze.



Thentet, that valiant beggers, idle, and loytryng persones, maye be auoyded, and the impotent, feble, and lame, provided for, whiche are pooze in verie dede: be it enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes, spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that alwell the Statute, made in the.xii. yere of the late kyng of famous memoire, kyng Henry the eight, as also the Statute,

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made in the third and fourth yere of the reigne of the kinges maiesty that now is, concernyng beggers, vagabondes, and idle persons, and euery article, clause, byaunche, sentence, and other thinges, contained in them, and in euery of them, (other then suche thynges, as shalbe by this present acte ordeined, and prouided for,) shall stande, remaine, & be in their full force, and effet, and shalbe from hencefurth, iustly and truly put in execution, accordyng to the true meanyng of the said seuerall statutes, and euery of them.

And further be it enacted by thauthozitie aforesaide, that yereleue one holy daie in Whithson weeke, in euery cite, boroughe, & toun corporate, the Maiour bailifes, or other head officers, for the time being and in euery other parische of the country, the persone, vicar, or curate and the churchwardenes, haupng in a registre, or boke, as well al the names of the inhabitants, and householders, as also the names, of al suche impotent, aged, and nedie persones, as beyng within their cite, boroughe, toun corporate, or parische, are not able to liue of themselves, nor with their owne labour, shall openly in the church, & quietly after diuine seruice, call the said householders, & inhabitants together, among whome, the Maior, and, ii. of his brethren, in euery cite, the bailiffes, or other heade officers, in boroughes, & townes corporate the persone, vicar, or Curate, and Churchwardenes, in euery other parische: shall elect, nominate, and appoint yereleue, two able persones, or mo, to be gatherers, and collectours of the charitable almose of all the residue of the people, for the reliefe of the poore. whiche collectours, the Sondaye next after their election, (or the Sondaye folowynge, yf nede require) when the people is at the church, and hath heard gods holy worde, shall gently aske and demaunde of euery man, & woman, what thei of their charitie, wil be contented to geue wekely, toward the reliefe of the poore. And the same to be writen, in the said registre, or boke. And the said gatherers, so being elected, and chosun, shal iustly gather and truly distribute the same charitable almose wekely (by themselves or their assignes) to the said poore, and impotent persones, of the said cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or parishes, withoute fraude, or couin. fauour, or affection. And after such sort, that the more impotent may haue the more helpe, and such as can get parte of their liuyng to haue the lesse. And by the discretio of the collectours, to be put in such labour as they be fitte, and able to do, but none to go, or sitte openly beggynge, vpon paine limited in the aforesaid statutes.

Be it also enacted, by thauthozitie aforesaide, that no persone, or persons, so elected, nominated, and appointed, to be gatherer, or gatherers as is aforesaide, shall refuse the said office, but shall iustly, and truly execute the same, by the space of one whole yere next ensuing, vpon paine of forfeiting. xx. s. to the almose boke of the poore, to be leued by the churchwardens, wher thei, or he dwelleth, of the goodes of the

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saied gatherer, or gatherers, so refusyng, by distresse.

And further be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that thesaied gatherers, or collectours, shall make their iust accompte quaterly, to the Maioz of the citie, Bailifes, or heade Officers of the Bozough, or toune corporate: and in euery Parithe of the countrey, to the Personer Vicar, or Curate, & Churchwardens of the Parithe. At whiche accompt, suche of the Parithe as wil maie be present. And when they go out of their office, they shal deliuer, or cause to be deliuered, furthwith vpon thede of their accomptes, al suche surplusage of money, as then shal remain of their collection vndistributed, to be put in the common chest of the church, or in some other saufe place to the vse of the pooze, at the ouersight, & discrecion of thesaied Maioz, or other the officers befoze mencioned. And if thesaied Collectours, or any of theim, do refuse to make their saied accompte within eight daies: the the Bishop of the Dioces, or Ordinarie, shall haue aucthoritie by vertue of thys acte, to compel thesaied persone, or persones, by Censures of the church, to make their saied accomptes, befoze suche persones as thesaied Bishop, or Ordinarie, shall appoynt.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any persone, or persons, being able to further this charitable worke, do obstinately & frowardly, refuse to geue towards the help of the pooze, or do wilfully discourage other fro so charitable a dede: the persone vicar, or curate, & Churchwardens, of the Parithe where he dwelleth, shal gently exhort him, or theim, towardesthe relief of the pooze. And if he, or they, wil not so be perswaded, the vpon the certificate of the persone, vicar, or Curate of the Parithe to the Bishop of the Dioces, thesame Bishop shall sende for him, or theim, to induce, and perswade him, or the, by charitable waies, and meanes. And so according to hys discrecion, to take order for the reformation thereof.

And for the better maintenaunce of this charitable worke, it is ordeined, & established, by aucthoritie aforesaid, that where as the late Kyng of famous memorie, Kyng Henry the eight, by his seuerall erections and foundations, hath ordeined and appointed, any some, or somes of money, to the vse of the pooze (not beyng take awaie, otherwise by Acte of Parliament) whether thesame be in any Cathedraill Church, College, or elswhere: the Bishop of the Dioces, for the time beyng, shal from time to time, examine, how, and after what maner, thesaied money is bestowed, and cal to accompt the parties, whiche retain thesaied money, so that it maie appere, that thesame is distributed to the pooze, accordyng to the kynges maiesties foundation.

Provided alwaies, and be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that this present Acte, nor any thing therein couteined, shall extende, or be preiudiciall vnto the Maioz, Shirefes, and Citezens, of the citie of Chester, for, or concerning any gift, or graunt, of any an-

nuitie, or yerely rent, heretofore made, geuen, or graunted by the kynges maiestie that now is, vnto the said Mayor, Shierkes, and citizeins, of the said cite, goyng out of any manours, iandes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, of the Cathedrall churche of Christ, and our Lady, wch in the cite of Chester, but that the same Mayor, Shierkes, and citizeins, shall, and maie, from hencefurthe, receiue, vse, and emplye, the same annuities, yerely rentes, or profits, to suche vses, and ententes, and accordyng to the said gifte of our sated. souereigne Lorde the Kyng, any thyng in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding. This acte to endure to the ende of the first Session, of the next Parliament.

¶ The.iii. Chapitre.

An acte, for the keepyng of holy daies,
and fastyng daies.



Forasmuche as at all tymes men be not so myndfull to laude and praise God, so redy to resort and heare Gods holy worde, and to come to the holy communion, and other laudable rites, whiche are to be obserued in euery Christian congregacion, as their bounden dutie doth require: therfore to call men to remembraunce of their dutie, and to helpe their infirmitie, it hath bene wholesomely prouided, that there should be some certain tymes and daies appoynted, wherein the christians should cease from al other kynd of labours, and should apply themselves onely, and wholy, vnto the aforesaid holy workes, properly pertainyng vnto true religion. That is, to heare, to learne, and to remember almighty Gods greate benefites, his manifold mercies, his inestimable gracious goodnes, so plenteously powred vpon al his creatures, and that of his infinite, and vnspeakable goodnes, without any mannes deserte. And in remembraunce hereof, to render vnto hym, moste high and hartie thanks, with praiers and supplications, for the relief of all oure dailie necessities. And because these be the chief and principall workes, wherein man is commaunded to worship God, and do properly pertain vnto the first table: therfore as these workes, are bothe moste commonly, and also maie well be called Gods service, so the tymes appoynted specially for the same, are called holy daies. Not for the matter and nature, either of the tyme, or date, nor for any of the saintes sakes, whose memoeries are had on those dates (for so all daies and tymes considered are Gods creatures, and all of like holines) but for the nature and condicion of those Godly and holy workes, wherewith onely God is to be honoured, and the congregacion to be edified, whereunto suche tymes and daies, are sanctified and hallowed. That is to saie, separated fro all prophane vses, and dedicated and appoynted, not vnto any saint or creature, but onely vnto God, and his true worship. Neither is it to be thought, that there is any certain tyme or definite

definite number of daies, prescribed in holy scripture, but that the appoyntment, bothe of the tyme, and also of the number of the daies, is left by thauthoritie of Gods worde, to the libertie of Christes church to be determined and assigned orderly in euery countrey, by the discretion of the rulers and ministers thereof, as they shall iudge mooste expedient to the true setting furthe of Goddes glorie, and the edification of their people. Be it therefore enacted, by the kyng our souereigne lord, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauthoritie of the same, that all the daies hereafter mencioned, shalbe kept, and commaunded, to be kept holy daies, and none other. That is to saie, all Sondais in the yere, the daies of the feastes of the Circumcision of our lord Jesus Christe. Of the Epiphanie. Of the Purification of the blessed Virgyn. Of S. Mathie the Apostle. Of the Annunciacion of the blessed virgyn. Of saint Marke the Euangelist. Of saint Philip and Iacob the Apostles. Of the Ascencion of our lord Jesus Christ. Of the Natiuitie of saint Ihon Baptist. Of saint Peter the Apostle. Of saint James the Apostle. Of sainte Bartholomewe the Apostle. Of sainte Mattheu the Apostle. Of saint Michaell tharchaungell. Of saint Luke the Euangelist. Of saint Simon and Jude the Apostles. Of al Sainctes. Of sainte Andzewe the Apostle. Of saint Thomas the Apostle. Of the Natiuitie of our Lord. Of sainte Stephen the Martire. Of sainte Ihon the Euangelist. Of the holy Innocentes. Monedaie, and Twesdaie in Easter weke. And Monedaie and Twesdaie in Whitsou weke. And that none other daie shalbe kepte, and commaunded to be kept holy daie, or to absteyn from lawfull bodily labour.

And it is also enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that euery euen or daie, next goyng befoze any of the aforesaid daies of the feastes of the Natiuitie of our lord, of Easter, of the Ascencion of our lord Pentecost, of the Purification, and the Annunciacion of the aforesaid blessed virgyn, of al Sainctes, and of all of the said feastes of the Apostles (other then of saint Ihon the euangelist, and Philip and Iacob) shalbe fasted, and commaunded so to be kepte and obserued, and that noye, other euen, or daie, shalbe commaunded to be fasted.

And it is enacted, by the aucthoritie aboue said, that it shalbe lawfull to all Archebischoppes, and Bischoppes, in their Diocesses, and to all other haupng Ecclesiasticall, or spirituall iurisdiction, to enquire of euery persone, that shall offende in the premisses, and to punishe euery suche offendour, by the Censures of the Church, and to enioyne hym, or them, suche penance, as shalbe to the spirituall Iudge, by his discretion thought mete and conuenient.

Provided alwaies, that this Acte, or any thyng therein contained, shall not extende to abrogate, or take awaie, the abstinence from fleshe in Lent, or on Fridaies, and Saturdaies, or any other daie, whiche is alreedy

alredy appoynted so to be kepte, by vertue of an acte, made, and prouided, in the thirde yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lord the Kinges Maiesty that now is, sauyng onely of those euens, or daies, wherof the holy daie next folowynge is abrogated by this Statute. Any thyng a boue mencioned to the contrary in any wise, notwithstanding.

Prrouided also, and it is enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that when, and so often, as it shall chaunce any of the said feastes (the euens wherof be by this statute comaunded to be obserued, and kept fastynge daie) to fall vpon the Monedaie: that then, as it hath alwaies bene here tofore accustomedly vled, so hereafter the Saturdaie then next goynge before any suche feast, or holy daie, and not the Sonedaie, shalbe comaunded to be fasted for the euen of any suche feast, or holy daie. Any thyng in thys statute before mencioned, or declared to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prrouided alwaies, and it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull to euery husbandman, labourer, fisherman, and to all and euery other persone, and persones, of what estate, degre, or condicion he, or they be, vpon the holy daies aforesaid, in haruest, or at any other tymes in the yere wher necessitie shall requite, to labor, ryde, fische, or worke any kinde of worke, at ther free willes, and pleasure. Any thyng in this acte to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prrouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull to the knightes of the ryght honourable order of the Garter, and to euery of theym, to kepe, and celebrate solemply, the feast of their order, communely called saint Georges feast, perely from hencefurth, the .xxii. .xxiii. and .xxiiii. daies of Aprille, and at suche other tyme and tymes, as perely shalbe thought conueniente by the Kynges highnes, his heires and successours, and thesaide knyghtes of thesayde honourable order, or any of them now beyng, or hereafter to be. Any thyng in thys acte heretofore mencioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

The .iiii. Chapter.

An acte agaynst fyghtynge and quarellynge in churches and churchyardes.



As muche as of late, diuerse and many outragious and barbarous behauiours & actes, haue bene vled and committed by diuers vngodly, and irreligious persones, by quarellynge, brawlynge, faying and fyghtynge openly in churches, and churchyardes: Therefore it is enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempozall, and the communes in thys present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesaime, that if any persone whatsoever, shall at any tyme after the first daie of Maie next comynge

myng, by wordes onely querel, chide, or bzaule in any churche, or churche yerde, that then it shalbe lawfulle vnto the Ordinary of the place where the same offence shalbe done, and proued by two lawfull witnesses, to suspende euery persone so offendyng. That is to say, if he be a laie man, *in ingressu Ecclesie*, & if he be a clerke, from the ministracion of his office, for so long tyme as the said Ordinary shal by his discretion thincke miete, and conuenient, accordyng to the fault.

And further it is enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that if any persone, or persones, after the said first daie of Maie, shal smite, or lay any violent handes vpon any other, either in any Churche, or churche yerde: That then *ipso facto*, euery persone so offending, shalbe demed excommunicate, and be excluded from the felowship and companye of Chyistes congregation.

And also it is enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that if any persone, after the said first daie of Maie, shal maliciously strike any persone, with any weapon, in any churche, or Churche yerde, or after the same first daie of Maie, shall drawe any weapon, in any Churche, or Churche yerde, to the entent to strike another with the same weapon. That then euery persone so offendyng, and therof being conuicted by verdict of .xii. men, or by his owne confession, or by two laweful witnesses, before the Justices of Assise, Justices of Oyer, and determiner or Justices of Peace, in their sessions, by force of this acte, shalbe aduised by the same Justices, before whome suche person, shalbe so conuicted, to haue one of his eares cutte of. And if the persone, or persons so offendyng, haue none eares, whereby they shoulde receiue suche punishment, as is before declared, that then he, or thei, to be marked and burned in the cheke, with an hotte yron hauyng this letter F. wherby he, or they maie be knowen, and take, for fraie makers, and fighters, and besides that, euery such person, to be, and stande, *ipso facto*, excommunicated, as is aforesaide.

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¶ An acte, for the maintenaunce of Tillage, and encrease of corne,



Or the better maintenaunce of Tillage, and encrease of Corne to be had within this Realme, whiche of late tyme, bene muche decaied, by such as haue conuerted landes vsually put in Tillage to pasture: Be it enacted by the king our soueraigne Lorde, with thassent of the Lordes and commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that there shalbe perely, after the feast of thannunciation of our Lady, which shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousande, five hundred, fiftie and thre as muche

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as muche lande, or more, put wholly in tillage, and bled and sowed, according to the custome of the country, and nature of the ground, and so shalbe continued, and bled for Tillage, and sowed for ever, by the owners, fermours, or occupiers therof, in every toun, parische, village, and hamlet, within the realme of Englande, and Wales: as was or hath bene put in tillage, in any one yeare, and so kept in tillage, by the space of foure yeres, any time sence the firste yere of the reygne of kynge Henry the eight, vpon paine to forfeit to the kyng, and his heires, for every acre not put in tillage, bled and occupied, according to the fourme and effect of this present acte. v. s. for every yere so offending. And for the better execution of this acte: be it enacted by thauthortie aforesaid, that our saied soueraigne lord the king, his heires and successours, at his and their will, and pleasure, from tyme to tyme maie direct bys, and their severall commission, and commissions, vnder the greatesseale of Englande, to suche persones as it shal please them. And that thesame commissioners, or foure of them at the least, shal haue power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, and of thesaid commission, to enquire, searche, and trie, by thothers of .xii. lawfull, and indifferent persones, or more, in every hundred, rape, or wapentake, suche as maie dispende yerely. xl. s. of freholde, what landes, and Tenementes in every toun, paroch, village, or hammelette, within the limites of their charge haue (against the fourme and effect, of this present acte, and statute) at any tyme, or tymes, sence thesaide first yeare of the reigne of kynge Henry the eight, bene conuerted, and turned fro Tillage to pasture, and so lieng conuerted, and turned from tillage, to pasture, and is now, and hereafter so shalbe continued, and occupied in pasture. And that thesaide .xii. persones, or more vpon theire othes, shal make true, and lawefull presentment, and certificat, as wel of all and singuler the premisses, as of the names, or surnames, of the owners, fermours, and occupiers, of thesame, in wrytyng vnder their seales, to thesaide commissioners, at suche daie, time, and place, as shalbe limited to them, by thesaide commissioners. And that thesaide Commissioners, after such presentmentes therof had, and made, shal cause thesame presentmentes, to be engrossed in parchment endented, and sealed with their seales, wherof the one parte therof, shalbe deliuered to the foreman of the Jury, and the other part therof, shalbe certified into the kynges court of chauncery, within two monethes next after suche presentment so had, and made. And that fromthencefurthe, the said presentmentes, with conuenient spiede, shalbe certified, & streded out, and from thesaid court of Chauncery, into the Courte of the Eschequier, there to remaine of recorde among the kynges maiesties recordes of thesame court of theschequier, to the intent that this statute shalbe the more diligently, and indifferently, put in the execution, according to the true meanyng therof.

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And be it further enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that such commissioners, as shal hereafter be aucthorised by vertue of the kynges commission to put this Acte in execution, shal befoze suche tyme as he, or they, shal sit vpon the same commission, take a corporal othe befoze the Lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or the Lorde keeper of the great Seale for the tyme beyng, or befoze suche other person, or persons, as shal haue aucthoritie from the Lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or the keeper of the great Seale for the tyme beyng, by Dedimus potestatem, to receiue, and take his, or their othes, truly, faithfully indifferently, and iustly, according to the vttermost of his, or their wittes learnynges, and conynge to endeuoure them selues, for, and to the true execution of this statute, and of all, and euery thinge, contained in the same, for the better maintainaunce of tillage, and increase of coze to be had, according to the true meanyng of this Acte.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that the said commissioners, or two of them at the least, shal haue aucthoritie, and power to directe their precepte to the Shieriefe of the countie, beyng within the limites of their commission, to warne suche, & as many honest men of his Bailwicke as is aforesaid, by whome the truth maye best be knowen, to enquire, and true presentment make, of all, and euery the premisses, and to sette suche reasonable fines, yssues, and amerciaementes, vpon suche persones, as shal make defaulte of their apparances, or makynge their apparances, shal neglecte to do their duties, in, and about the execution of the premisses, as to the same commissioners, or fowre of them, shalbe by their discretions thought mete, and conuenient, so that the same fine, or amerciaement, for any one defaulte excede not the somme of. xx. s. And that the same fynes, yssues, and amerciaementes, so by them taxed, and sette, shalbe yerely, well, and truly streated, into the said courte of theschequier, and therte to be leued to the kynges vse, as other fynes, and amerciaementes, haue bene there accustomed and vsed to be leued.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that the puttyng of any landes, or tenementes hereafter, from pasture, to tillage, according to the forme and effecte of this Acte, shal not in any wyse extende, to be any cause of breach, or forfeiture of any bonde, covenant, payment, or condicion, made, or hereafter to be made, betwene any person, or persons, whiche in any wyse is, or shalbe repugnaunt or contrariant to this Acte.

Provided alwaies, and it is enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that this Acte, ne any thyng therein contained, shal not in any wyse, extende to any land, converted, or to be converted into pasture, that shalbe kept withoute fraude, or couine, onely for the maintenaunce of the houses & hospitalitie, of any person, or persons, nor to any lande that commonly or vsually, hath lien to pasture, by the space of. xl. yeres last past, nor to

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any wast groundes, or heithes, nor to any common downes, fennes, moores, or marshes, whiche haue not bene commonly, and vsualy, for the most parte sown, or put in tillage, within .xl. yeres last past, nor to any lande now beyng lawful warren, or now bled and kept for conies, nor to any grounde stubbed, or wonne from wood, busshes, brome, or fyres, into the kynde of pasture, nor to any lande nowe enclosed in any parke, commonly bled with dere, and that without fraude, or couine, hath bene bled for any parke, within .liii. yeres last befoze this present Session of the Parlaiment, nor to any salte marshes, nor to any marshes that commonly within ten yeres hath bene ones surrounded, or ouerflown with water, nor to any grounde enclosed by the licce of our Soueraigne Lorde the Kyng, or any of his noble progenitours, nor to any orcharde, garden, poole, or ponde yarde, nor to any medowe grounde yerely mowen, or to be mowen for haye, nor to any lande sette or to be sette, with saffron, or with hoppes, nor to any lande sown, or to be sown with hempe, flaxe, woade, or madder, nor to any lande without fraude, or couine, sown, or to be sown with acornes, or set, or to be sette with wood, durynge such times as the same shalbe bled, or put to the bles and ententes befoze specified.

Provided also, and it be further enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that this Acte, nor any thyng therein contened, shal in any wyse extende or be prejudiciall, or hurtful to any person, or persones, whiche at any tyme heretofore hath converted, or at any time, or tymes, hereafter shal conuerter any arable lande, to pasture, in any parochie, towne, village, hammelet, or other place, or places, of this Realme, for the whiche such persō, or persons, haue already, or within one yere after the feast of Easter nexte comynge, or within one yere nexte after any suche enquisiciō hereafter to be founde, after suche conuertynge of arable grounde into pasture, hath, or shal turne, or conuert to tillage, and arable grounde, as muche pasture grounde, or lease, within the same parochie, towne, village, or hammelet, or within any of them, where any suche land so hath bene, or hereafter shalbe converted from tillage to pasture, and do suffer the same lande, so turned from pasture to tillage, so to continue in tillage, and be arable, without turnynge the same to pasture againe, so longe as the landes turned to pasture as aforesaid, shalbe bled in pasture. Any thyng in this present Acte contened to the contrarie hereof, in any wyse, notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that aswell all comissioners, Justices of Assise, Justices of Oyer and Determiner, as Justices of peace in their Sessions, and none other, shal haue full power, and authozitie, to enquire of the premisses, and shal certifie al presentmentes that shalbe had befoze them, into the Court of chauncery, and from thence to be treated in conuenient tyme, into the Kynges court of theschequier, and that the partie greued, if he wille, may haue, and

and fende his traaverse, accoꝝdyng to the lawes of this Realme, in the same court, whether thesaid landes, oꝝ tenementes so founden by any suche enquisition, be holden of the kyng immediately, oꝝ not.

Þrouided also, & be it enacted by thauuthoritie aforesaid, that thys acte, noꝝ any thyng therin conteined, shal, oꝝ may in any wise extende, to geue any aucthoritie to any shiriefe vnder shierefe, oꝝ any their officer, bailife, oꝝ minister, to enfringe, breake oꝝ entre, into any libertie, oꝝ liberties, foꝝ the execution of any pꝛecept, oꝝ other pꝛocesse, which shal be hereafter to him, oꝝ them, awarded by aucthoritie, and vertue of thys acte, other wyse then he, oꝝ they, might haue done, befoꝝe the making of thesame. Any thyng herein conteined to the contrary in any wise, notwithstanding.

Þrouided also, and be it further enacted by thauuthoritie aforesaid that if any persons oꝝ person offendyng this acte, be at any time hereafter impeched, oꝝ sued by foꝝce of this act, foꝝ any offence, oꝝ offences committed, oꝝ done, oꝝ to be committed, oꝝ done, contrary to this acte that the the partie offending so sued, shal not be empeched by the king our soueraigne lord, oꝝ by any other, foꝝ thesame offence, by vertue of any lawe, act, oꝝ actes, statute, oꝝ statutes, hertofore had oꝝ made, foꝝ the reformation of any the articles, oꝝ bꝛanches, conteined in thys acte. Any thyng in thys acte, oꝝ any other acte, oꝝ actes, had, oꝝ made, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Þrouided also, and be it further enacted by thauuthoritie aforesaid that this act, noꝝ any thing therin conteined, shal not extend to charge any persone, oꝝ persones, with any penaltie, oꝝ foꝝfeiture, foꝝ oꝝ concerning any offence done, oꝝ to be done, contrary to the tenour of this acte, onles he, oꝝ they so offendyng, be sued, oꝝ empeched foꝝ thesame, within.iii.yeres next after thesame offence be founde by enquisition, as is aforesaide. This acte to endure foꝝ tennē yeres, and from thence vnto thende of the next parlamente.

¶ The. vi. Chapitre.

¶ An acte foꝝ the true making of wollen
Clothe.



Where heretofore diuerse, and many goodly statutes haue ben made foꝝ the true making of clothe within this realme. Whiche neuerthelesse, foꝝasmuche as clothiers, some foꝝ lacke of knowlege, & experience, and some of extreme couetousnes do daily moꝝe and moꝝe study rather to make many then to make good clothes, haupyng moꝝe respect to their pꝛiuate commoditie, and gaine, then the aduancement of truth, & continuance of the commoditie in estimation accoꝝdyng to the woꝝthines therof, haue, and do daily, in stede of

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truthe practise falshod, and in steade of substanciall makynge of clothe, do practise sleight, and slender makynge, some by mynglyng of yarnes of diuers spinnynge in one cloth, some by mynglyng felle wolle, and lambes wolle, or either of theim with fiece wolle, some by putting to litle stuffe, some by takynge them out of the mille, before thei be ful thicked, some by ouerstretching them vpon the tentour, and then stoppyng with sockes, such brackes, as shalbe made by meanes therof, finally by vsynge so manye subtile sleightes, and vnturthes, as when the clothes so made, be put in the water, to trie them, they rise out of the same neither in length, nor breadth, as thei ought to do, and in some place narrower then some, beside suche cocklynge, bandynge, and diuers other great and notable faultes, as almost cannot be thought to be true. And yet neuerthelesse, neither fearynge the Lawes in that case prouided, nor regardynge the estimation of their countrey, do not onely procure the alneagour, to sette the Kynges seale to suche false, vnturthe, and faultie clothe, but do theim selues weaue into the same, the likenes, and similitude of the Kynges highnes most noble, and imperial Crowne, and also the first letter of hys name, whiche should be testimonies of truth, and not a defece of vnturthe, to y great slander of the king our souereigne Lorde, and the shame of this Lande, and to the vtter destruction of so great and notable commoditie, as the like is not in any foreine nacion. Our said souereigne Lorde the Kyng therfore, wyndynge to aduaunce al truthe, and to abandonne falsehode, and also to prouide for the continuance of the said commoditie of clothe making, to hys honour, and the commune profite of the realme, hath by thaduise of the lordes and commons in this present Parliamt assembled, caused, as wel diuerse honeste Clothiers, as also diuerse Drapers, Marchaunte Tailours, Clothe workers, Sheremen, and other Artificers, to whome it apperteineth, to be examined by certein wise, discrete, and sage knightes and burgeses of this present Parliamt, of suche matters as touch as wel the false, as the true makynge of clothes, by whose declaration, consent agreement and aduise, after diuers & sondry metynge & greute deliberate aduise taken in the premisses, by auctorite of this present parliament it is enacted as hereafter foloweth, to remaine, firme, & perfecte, notwithstanding any suggestiōs hereafter to be made by any clother, or clothmaker to the contrary, as thei haue in lyke cases heretofore done:

That is to say, that euery clothe, carsey, piece of frise, and cotton shalbe made in suche sorte and fourme, & shal contene in length, bredth, and weight as is herein hereafter particularly mencioned, vpo such paynes, penalties, & forfeitures, as be hereafter expessed and appointed.

Firste that all, and euery brode Clothe, and Clothes, whiche shalbe made after the said feast of S. Michael Tharchaungel next comming within the Shieres of Kente and Sussex, or at the toune of Redynge, or anye of theim, or elles where of lyke makynge, as the Clothes made

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made there shalbe of, shal cōteine in length at the water, every pece being through wet, betwixt. xxviii. & xxx. yardes of mesure that is now customably used, & in bredth. vii. quarters at p̄ least within the listes, by the whole length of thesame cloth, the listes of thesame clothes to be of lyke makynge and assise, as they haue here before tyme bene used to be made, & that every piece of p̄said clothes, being wel scoured, thicked, milled, and fully dried, shalbe in weight & weigh. xc. l. at the least.

And that al & every white cloth, & clothes, which shalbe made within the citie of Worcester, comenly called long worcestres, & al lyke clothes of lyke makynge, made within the citie of couentre, or els where, after thesaid feast, shal cōteine in lēgth being wette as is aforesaid, betwixt. xxix. & xxxi. yardes the piece, & to every yarde, i. inche of the standard, & shalbe of the bredth aboue specified, throughout & by all the length of p̄ whole cloth, & listed as hath bene accustomed, & being wel scoured, thicked, milled, and fully dried, shal weighe. iiii. scoze. iiii. l. the piece at the least. And that al coloured clothes, made in p̄ said cities of Couentre, and Worcester, or els where of lyke makynge, after thesaid feast, shal contene and be of lyke length, and breadth, as is last before mencioned, and be listed, as is aforesayde, and beyng welle scoured, thicked, and fully dried, shal weighe. iiii. scoze. l. the piece at the least.

And that al & every white clothe, & clothes, commonly called short Worcesteres, which shalbe made within thesaid citie, or countie, or els where, of thesame sorte, after thesaid feast, shal cōteine in lēgth, being wette, betwixt. xxiii. & xxv. yardes, yarde, & inche of the rule, & shalbe of the bredth, as is aforesayde, throughout, and by all the whole cloth and listed accordyng to thauuncient custome, and beyng well scoured, thicked, and fully dried, shal weighe. iiii. scoze. l. the piece at the least.

And that al coloured long clothes, which after thesaid feast, shalbe made within the shieres of Suffolke, Norfolke, & Essex, or any of the or els where of lyke sorte, shal contene in lēgth, wette, as is aforesaid betwixt. xxviii. & xxx. yardes, yarde, and inche of the rule, and shalbe in bredth. vii. quartres of the yarde within the listes at the least, throughout, and by all the whole clothe, & listed as hath bene accustomed, and beyng well scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried, shal weighe iiii. scoze l. the piece at the least. And that al and every shorte cloth, and clothes coloured, which after thesaid feast shalbe made within p̄ said shieres, laste remembred, or any of them, or els where of like sorte, shal cōtein wette as is aforesaid betwixt. xxiii. & xxv. yardes, yarde & inche of the rule, and shalbe in bredth, as last is remembred, throughout, & by the whole cloth, & listed as is aforesaid, & being fully scoured thicked, milled, and fully dried, shal weighe. iiii. scoze iiii. l. the piece at the least.

And p̄ al, & every coloured cloth, & clothes, which after thesaid feast shalbe made within thesaid shieres last remembred, or els wher of lyke sortes, commonly called handy warpes, of what lēgth they shal happen to be, shalbe in bredth out of the water, throughout & by al the whole

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clothe, as is last remembred, & listed as they haue bene accustomed, & being wel scoured, thicked milled, and fully dried, every yard of every such cloth, shal weighe .iii. l. at y least. And that al whites, which after the saide feast shalbe made in thesaid shieres, or els where, as cocksal whites glainfzodes, & other, being hadwarpes, of what legthes soeuer thei shalbe, shall contein in bredth as is afoze remebred, & be listed as is afozesaid, & being wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried shall weigh by y yarde .iii. l. at y least, of such measure as hath be before bled.

And that all whites, & redde, which afre y saide feast shalbe made in y shieres, or countie of Wilteshere, Glocestre, & Somerset, or any of them, or els wher of lyke makynge, & al other whites, whiche shalbe made in any other partes of y Realme, & not afoze remebred, shal conteigne in legth, being through wette, betwixt .xxvi. & xxviii. yardes, & shalbe .vii. quarters of y yarde in bredth within y listes at the least, & listed according to y aunciet custome, & being wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried, shal weigh every piece .lxiii. l. being white, & .iii. score being coloured at y least. And that al brode plunkets, azures, blewes & other coloured cloth, which afre thesaid feaste shalbe made within thesaid shieres of wilteshere, glocestre, or somerset, or els where of like making, shal conteine being wette as is afozesaid, betwixt .xxv. & xxviii. yardes, yarde & ynche of y rule, & shalbe .vii. quarters of a yarde within y listes at y least, & listed according to y auncient custome, & being wel scoured thicked, milled, & fully dried, shal weigh .iii. score. viii. l. y piece at y least. And that al carseis called Ordemaris, shal conteine in legth betwixt .xvii. & xviii. yardes yarde & ynche as is afozesaid, & being wel scoured, thicked, milled, dressed, & fully dried, shal weigh .xx. l. at y least. And al carseis, called sortyng carseis, which afre y saide feast shalbe made in any part of this y kinges maiesties realme of Englād shal conteine in length at the watet, betwixt .xvii. & xviii. yardes, yarde, & ynche as is afozesaide, & being wel scoured, thicked, milled, dressed, & fully dried, ready to be shewed, shal weighe .xxiii. l. y piece at the least.

And that all Deuonshire carsis, called douseins, which shalbe made afre y saide feast, shal conteine in legth at the water, betwene .xii. & xiii. yardes, yarde & ynche of the rule, and being wel scoured, thicked milled & fully dried, shal weighe .xiii. l. the pece at y least. And that al & every brode cloth, & clothes, called Tauntō clothes, bridge waters, & other clothes, whiche shalbe made after thesaid feast in Tauntō, bridge water, or other places of lyke sorte, shall conteine at the water in length betwixt .xii. & xiii. yardes, yarde, & ynche of the rule, & in bredth .vii. quartres of a yarde, & every narrowe cloth made afre thesaid feast in thesaid tomes, or els where of like sortes, shal contein in the water in length, betwixt .xxiii. & xxv. yardes, yarde & ynche as is afozesaid, & in bredth, i. yarde of like measure, & every suche cloth, both brode, & narrow, being wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried shal weigh .xxiii. l. the piece at y least. And that al clothes, named checke carsey, & straites,

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one yarde at the least, at the water, and beyng well scoured, thickedde
milled, and fully dried, shal weie .xxiiij. l. pound the piece at the least.

And that al & every Walshe cotton & cottons, whiche afre the said *Walshe Cotton*
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not be stretched on the fetour, nor otherwise, aboue a naile of a yarde in
bredth, & shalbe in length. xxii. goades in the water at the most, & in
bredth. iij. quartres of a yarde, at the water at the least & being so ful
ly wrought, every whole piece therof shal weighe. xliij. l. at the leaste,
and every halfe piece of Walshe cotton, beyng ful wrought as is aforesaid,
shal contene in length weight, and bredth, afre the same rate.

And that all Walshe frises, whiche afre the feast aforesaide, shalbe
made & wrought within the shieres of Cardegan, Carmarden, & pen *Cardegan, Carmarden, & Penmorden, & Pembrok*
broke, or any of them, or els where, of lyke making, redy to be sold for
a whole piece, shal contene in length at the water. xxxvi. yardes, at y
most, yarde, & ynche of the rule, & in bredth. iij. quartres of a yarde, and
beyng so fully wrought, shal weighe every whole piece. xliij. l. at the
least, & every halfe piece of Walshe frises, beyng fully wrought as a
foresaid, shal contene in length, bredth, & weight afre the same rate.

And þat al & every Northerne clothes, which afre the said feast shal *Northerne Clothes*
be made, shal contene betwene. xxiiij. & xxx. yardes in length yarde and
ynche of the rule, and in bredth, beyng through wet. viij. quartres of a
yarde within the listes at the least, & being wel scoured, thicked milled
& fully dried, shal weighe. lxxvi. l. the piece at the least, and every haulf
piece called douseines, made afre the said feast, shal contene in length
betwixt. xii. & xiii. yardes of measure aforesaid, and viij. quarters of a
yarde in bredth, as aforesaid, within the listes, ad being well scoured, thic
ked, milled, and fully dried, shal weigh. xxxiiij. l. at the least.

And that all cloth, commonly called pennystones, or forest whites.
whiche shalbe made afre the feast aforesaid, shal contene in legth be
beyng wette, betwixt. xii. & xiii. yardes, yarde, & ynche as aforesaid & in
breadth. vi. quartres & a halfe quarter out of the water at the least, &
being wel scoured, thicked, milled, & fully dried shal weigh. xxviii. l. the
piece at the least And that al & every cottons, called Macheſter, Lan *Manchester, Lancastre shiere, & Chelshiere.*
castre shiere, & Chelshiere, cottons, whiche shalbe made afre the said
feast, ful wrought to the sale, shalbe in length. xxii. goades, & contene
in bredth. iij. quartres of a yarde in the water, & shal weigh. xxx. l. the
piece at the least. And that al clothes called Macheſtre rugges, other
wise named Macheſtre frises, whiche shalbe made afre þ said feast &
fully wrought to sale shal contene in legth. xxxvi. yardes, & in bredth
.iij. quar. of a yarde, comyng out of þ water, & shal not be stretched on
the tentour, or otherwise, aboue a naile of a yarde in bredth, & beyng
so fully wrought, & wel dried, shal weigh every piece. xliij. l. at þ least

And be it further enacted, that all, & every person, & persons, which
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afte the said feaft of S. Michael Tharchaungel nexte commynge shall make, or cause to be made any of the feuerall kyndes of brode clothes above reherfed, of any shorter, or longer measure, then is above specified & appointed for euery countrie, or feuerall kynde of clothes to be made, or make any fuche cloth, or clothes of leffe breadth, or weight, being wel skowred thicked, milled, & tully dyed, then as is above specified, & appointed for euery feuerall countrie, or kyndes of clothes, & that putte the same to sale, that forfeite, & lose for euery fuche defaulte of euery cloth folde, or offred to be folde, in length or breadth. xl. s. & for euery pounce weight, whiche any clothe so made, and folde, or offred to be folde, shall lacke, excedyng not above. iiii. l. in weight, that also forfeite. ii. s. for euery pounce, the same forfeiture to go to the fynder therof. And that if any fuche clothe lacke above. iiii. l. weight, of the feuerall weightes above mencioned, that euery owner therof shall then forfeite. xl. s. for euery fuche clothe so lackyng of his weighte, as is aforesaid.

Provided alwaies, that if any brode clothe shall excede the feuerall lengthe before appointed for euery countrie, or kynde of makynge, by meanes of the finesse, or the good, perfecte, and stuffie makynge of the same clothe, that then the maker therof shall not encurre any losse, or penaltie for the ouerlength of any fuche fyne clothe. Any thynge herein to the contrarie in any wyse, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, that al & euery person, or persons, which afte the said feaft shall make, or cause to be made any of the feuerall kyndes of carseis, narrow clothes, streightes, douleines, frises, or cottons above mencioned, whiche shall not be made in fuche maner, & fourme as is above said, nor contayne & haue in length, breadth, & weight feuerally appointed, & limited as is above specified, shall lose & forfeite for euery piece of cloth called streight, or doulein, & for euery piece of narrow cloth carsey, frise, or cotton, so to be made, & folde, or offred to be folde. xx. s.

And be it further enacted, that fro & afte the said feaft, no person, or persons, shall put any heare, flockes, or any yarne made of lãbes wolle, in to any cloth, carsey, frise, or cottõ, so made & sold, or offred to be sold, by paine to forfeite euery fuch cloth, carsey, frise, & cottõ, wherein any fuch yarne, heare, or flockes shall be put, or value of fuch cloth, carseis, or frise.

And be it further enacted, that if at any tyme, afte the said feaft, any clothe through the defaulte, or negligence of the carders, spynners, or weauers, or any of them, shall, or do proue, either purfy, boudy, squally by warpe, or woufe, or els shall happen to be euill burlid, or wasted in the mille, or els through the defaulte, or negligence of the mil man, or otherwise to be ful of holes, mille brackes, or to be holey, that the the scale of the alnegour shall not be fixed, or set to any fuche clothe, any lawe, statute, or vsage, to the contrarie in any wyse, notwithstanding, but the accustomed fees, and allowaunces of the alnegour shall neuertheles be paid, by paine of forfeiture of fuche whole cloth, or the value therof.

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thesaid feast, put any clothe, or carsey to sale, befoze he shall haue paied to the alnegour, or his depurie, the accustomable fee, or agre for thesame, as he, she, or they, haue bene accustomed, shall lose, and forfeite for euery default. xx. s.

And be it further enacted, that no persō, or persons, English, denizē, alien, or straunger, shall aſtre thesaid feaste carv, or transpozte, or cause to be caried, or transpozted, into any of the partes beyond the sea, any clothe, carsey, frise, or cotton of the seuerall soztes aboue recited, onles the kinges seale, or alnegours seale of this Realme, and the Seale of the owner, or maker of the cloth (declaryng therein the length of the cloth as it shalbe in the water) be set vpon euery suche cloth, vpon pain to forfeit euery suche clothe lackyng thesame seales, or any of them, or the value therof.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that no Draper, marchaunt tailour, clothwozker, or other persō, which shall retaille any of the clothes, or carseis, frises, rugges, or cottons, of the seuerall makynges aforesaid, shall aſtre thesaid feast put to sale, any of the clothes afoze mencioned, wherunto the alnegour shall haue set to the kynges seale & p owner his seale, til such time, as he or thei haue made trial, as wel by the water, as by the weight, & measure, whether thei, & eueri of them shalbe made according to the purpozte, and true meaning of this acte, or no. And if any persone, or persones, shall finde any defectiue, or faultie cloth, in lēgth, waight, or measure, made contrary to thozdre aforesaid, p the he, or thei shal present euery suche clothe to euery Shaior Balife, or other hed officer, or hed officers of euery citie, Boroughe, or towne corporate, or to two Justices of peace next adioynnyng oute of a citie, Boroughe, or towne corporate, where such cloth shalbe found faultie as is aforesaide, to thentent thesame cloth may be cut into iii. equal partes, & pieces. The one piece therof to be forfeited to our souereigne lord the kyng, an other piece to be to p presenter therof, & the third part residue, to suche person, or persons, as it shal then be presented to, vpo paine that euery suche person, as shal not so serche euery of the clothes carseis, cottōs, or frises afozsaid, so by him to be bought, & solde, & shall not seise, & present such cloth, or clothes, as he, or thei shal find defectiue as is aforesaid, shal forfeit, & lose the double value of euery such cloth.

And be it further enacted that euery clothier, or other persone what soeuer, which so shal sell any suche faultie carsey, cotton, or frise, where vnto the alnegour, & the owner, shal haue set to ther Seales, & shall so be sealed, as is aforesaide, shall within. xiiii. daies nexte aſtre requeste made by wzytyng, message, or otherwise, by such person, which shal so buy suche cloth, make paiment of suche sōmes of money as he receiued for thesame, or shal otherwise satisfie, discharge, and acquite him for so muche money as he shall, or shoulde haue receiued for the same, vpon paine of forsaicture to the partie greued for euery non paiment, or not acquital as is aforesaid, the double value of the money so receiued, or
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to be receiued, thesame to be recovered by bill plaint, action of debte, or other wyse, in any of the kinges Maiesties courtes of recoꝛde wher in no essoine, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe admitted, or allowed

And for the further auoydnyng of muche vntruth practised by stretchyng of clothes, be it enacted that no persone, or persons, shall after y^e said feast, strain, or stretch, or cause to be strained, or stretched, any clothe aboue one yarde in length, and one haulf quarter in bredth vpon paine to forfeite for euery suche default. v. l.

And be it further enacted, that no person, whiche shal afftre thesaid feast kepe, haue, vse, or occupie, any tentour, shal haue, vse, or occupie, any wyynche, rope, or ryng, with y^e same tentour, or shal vse any other engine vnlawfully to straine or stretch, any clothe, or clothes, vppon paine that euery offendour that shal vse, or occupie any tentour, or other engine to the contrary, shal forfeit. xx. l.

And be it also enacted by like aucthoritie, that if any marchaunt shal by any meanes transporte, or cary ouer into the partes beyond the sea any cloth, carsey, frise, or cotton, whiche shalbe found defectiue, or faultie, either in length, bredthe, or weight, or els shal haue any of y^e faultes aforesaid, that then the marchaunt, or other person, which shal so transport thesame, shal retourne againe thesame clothe, so found defectiue, into England, at the costes, & charges of the clothier, or cloth maker, that solde thesame clothe, thesame costes, & thinges to be recovered against suche clothmaker, or clothier by actiō of debt, bil, plaint or enformation in any of the kynges courtes, any promise, or bargain to the contrary notwithstanding: vpon pain that euery marchaunt, or other person, whiche shal not so retorne such faulty, or defectiue cloth (if through misfortune by tēpest, pirates, or enemies he be not letted) shal forfeit & lose the value of the cloth so shipped, & transported & not returned as is aforesaid. Thone moitie therof to the king, and the other moitie to hym y^e wil sue for thesame by actiō of debt, bil, plaint, or enformation, in whiche actions no essoine, protection, nor wager of Lawe shalbe admitted for the defendaunt.

And to thentent that it may perfectly be knowen, whiche clothes are perfectly dressed, died, and pressed with the colde presse, withoute fraude, couine, and deceipt, as well within the cite of London, as els where, and haue sufficient workemanshippe:

Be it further enacted, that as wel the Mayour of the cite of Londō and Aldermen, or the most parte of theym, for the tyme beyng as all and euery other Mayour, Bailife, and other hed officer, or officers of euery cite, borough, or toun corporate, within this realme, shal haue full power & aucthoritie, by vertue of thys acte, to nominate, depute, and appointe from tyme to tyme, as occasion shal serue, and shall so from tyme to tyme, nominate, depute, and appoint, two, or mo honest discrete and expert persons, which shal from time, to time, vpon their othes view, and serche, al and euery cloth, & clothes, that shalbe dressed

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sed, died, or pressed with the colde presse, within every such citie, borough
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ther deceitful thyng, & also whether the same shalbe wel & substantial-
ly died with good & perfecte colours without any deceivable thyng,
or whether it shalbe stretched, or strained any more then is aboue spe-
cified: & shal haue ful power & auctoritie by vertue of this acte to entre
into al & every persons house, or houses, where thei shal thinke mete, to
searche, & to seise al, & every suche clothe, & clothes as thei shal finde de-
fective in the premisses, as forfeited in whose hādes soever thei shalbe
founde. The moietie of whiche forfeiture shalbe to the vse of our So-
ueraigne lord the king, & thother moietie to the vse of the Maiour, & co-
munaltie of the citie of London, or to the vse of every city, borough, town
corporate, porte towne, or market towne, where the same shalbe seised.

And be it further enacted that every person, or persons, in whose hā-
des, or possession suche defective or faultie clothe, either by euill, or de-
ceivable dyeng, dressing, or pressing as is aforesaid, shalbe founde, &
seised as is aforesaid, shal haue his, her, or their remedie by Action of
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Majesties courtes of recoꝛde, wherein no essoine, protection, or wager of
lawe shalbe admitted, or allowed for the defendaut, against al, & every
suche person, or persons, by whose defaultes, or negligence suche clothe
shal so be founde faultie, and shal therby recouer al suche costes, losses,
and damages as he shal susteine by occasion therof.

And be it further enacted by the same auctoritie, that aswel thesaid
Maiour of the citie of London, as every other Maiour, bailife, porte,
tieu, or other head officer of every citie, borough, towne corporate, or
porte towne, shal on thisside thesaid feast, cause to be prepared a seale of
leade, wherein aswel the armes, as the name of every such citie, borough
town corporate, or porte towne, shalbe graue, which the same searchers
shal cause to be fixed to every cloth that thei shal finde after thesaid feast
wel & sufficiently dressed, died, & pressed with the colde presse without a-
ny of the deceiptes aforesaid, & shal haue for their paines, & trauailes
therin to be takē, by the owner thereof for the sealing of every cloth ij. d.

And be it further enacted that if any searcher, or searchers so to be ap-
pointed, do after thesaid feast find any of the clothes being coloured, or
died, so made after y^e said feast, either cockly, purly, boudy, squally, or ro-
wie, or euil butled, or wasted in y^e mill, or ful of holes, or breakes, y^e then
the same searcher, or searchers shal besides y^e seale of y^e citie, borough, or
towne corporate, where the same cloth shalbe founde, put another seale of
lead at every end of thesaid cloth, wherein shalbe graue y^e lettre F. & shal
also set a marke in y^e list, right against such place where any of y^e faultes
aforesaid shalbe, with the pꝛinte of a lettre, or marke of an inche cōpasse
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at the least, wherby euery buter may wel know what, & wher the fault is

And be it further enacted that if any of the searchers aforesaid shal set the seale of any citie, bourough, towne corporate, or porte towne, to any coloured clothe, whiche shal not be sufficiently dresled, died, pressed & wrought as is aforesaid, that then the Maiour & comunaltie, or bailifes, or comunaltie, or other corporation of the towneshippe by whatsoever name, or names thei shalbe incorpored where suche cloth shal so be sealed, shal forfeite & lose the whole value of the clothe so sealed.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any of the searchers aforesaid, after the said feast do set to the seale of the citie, borough, or towne corporate within the limites of their search to any, clothe whiche shalbe cockely, putsey, bawdy, squallie, rewie, cuil burlid, wasted in the mille, or ful of holes as is aforesaid, and not sette at euery ende of the said clothes one seale with the lettre F. as is aforesaid, & also declare by the listes as is aforesaid, what, and where the faultes of the clothe be: that then the Maiour and comunaltie, or other the corporation of euery suche borough, citie, or towne corporate, where suche searcher shalbe appointed, shal forfeit and lose for euery suche omission, or not setting to of any suche seale as is aforesaid. v.l.

And be it further enacted that no persō, or persons, whatsoever they be, whiche communely vse to retaille, clothe, or carsey, shal put to sale, in grosse, or by retaille to any maner of person, any maner, of cloth whiche shalbe made after the said feast, being dresled, died, & pressed as is aforesaid, excepte there be fixed therunto, at euery ende of the same cloth, the seale of suche citie, borough, or towne corporate, where the same cloth shalbe so died, dresled, & pressed, or the seuerall seale of euery suche citie borough, or towne corporate, where it shalbe died, dresled, or pressed, to remaine at the last ende of euery of the said clothe, whiche shalbe solde during, & by al the tyme, that any piece, or remaunt of suche cloth is to be solde, vnder paine of forfeiture the whole value of suche whole cloth.

And be it further enacted, that euery Maiour, Bailife, or other head officer of any Citie, Borough, or towne corporate, in whiche any suche clothe, or clothes after the said feast shalbe made, died, dresled, or pressed with the colde presse as is aforesaid, whiche doeth not, or shal not after the said feast of S. Michael nominate & appoint from tyme to tyme so many searchers as shalbe requisite to viewe and searche clothes vpon their othes as is aforesaid, shal lose, & forfeite for euery default. x.l.

And be it further enacted that if any of the said searchers so to be appointed by the Maiour being a fre man of the said citie, or by the Maiour, Bailife, or other head officer of any Citie, Borough, or towne corporate as is aforesaid, hauyng no reasonable excuse, do refuse to take vpon hym to be a searcher, and do not vse the office of a searcher, as is aforesaid, shal forfeite and lose for euery suche refusall, and not executing of his office so to hym appointed. v.l. The one haulte therof to be

be to the king our souereigne lord, and thother haulte, to thuse of the communalte of euery cite, bozough, or toun corporate, where he shal so be assigned, and to remaine in warde til suche tyme as he hath made payment of thesaid forfeiture, or otherwise put in sufficient bondes for the satisfaction of thesame. And forasmuch as ther be now in this realme, wherby many of the kinges louyng subiectes are deceiued:

Be it enacted, that from and aftre thesaid feast of S. aincte michael Tharchaungel next comyng, no person, or person s, shal put to sale by retaile, within this realme, any clothe, or clothes, whiche shalbe made after thesaide feast, of any other colour, or colours, then is hereafter exprested. That is to saie, scarlet, redde, crimosin, murrey, violette, puke, bzoune blewe, blackes, grenes, yelowes, blewes, orenge tawny russet, marble, graie, sad new colour, Azure, watchet, Shepes colour, lion colour, mottle, or yron graie, vpon paine that euery persone offending to the contrary shal lose and forfeite the value of the clothe solde by retaile, whiche shalbe of any other colour.

And be it further enacted, that no person, or persons, aftre thesaid feast of S. Michael Tharchaungel, shal presse any kynde of cloth, with the hote presse, or in any other kynde of deceivable maner, but onely with the colde presse, as is aboue specified, vpon paine of forfeiture of the whole clothe so pressed contrary to the meanyng of this statute, or the value thereof.

And be it further enacted, that if any persone, or persones, but such as are appointed, assigned, and permitted by this acte, do at any tyme after thesaid feast, counterfeit, set to, or take awaie fro any of the clothes, carseies, frieles, rugges, or cottos aforesaid, any of the seales so to be fixed as is aboue recited, that then euery person so offendynge, shal for the first offence (beyng therof duly conuicted, by verdict of xii men, by two sufficient witnesses, or by confession of the partie) forfeit and lose. x. l. And for the seconde offence (being likewise therof conuicted) shal sit on the pillour, and lose and forfeite to our souereigne lord the king, al suche his goodes and cattalles (his debtes being duly and truly payde, without fraude, or couine) as he had or shal haue at the tyme of his conuiction.

And be it further enacted, that if betwene the .i. daie of Maie next comyng, and the feast of saint Michael Tharchaungel, then next comyng, any persone, or persones, whiche nowe doth vse the arte, or mystery of drappynge, or clothe makynge, shal geue ouer draping, or cloth makynge, except he be licenced so to do by thre Justices of peace, at the least, of the cite, county, bozough, or toun corporate, where he dwelleth, vpon some resonable cause shewed vnto thesaid Justices, shal neuer after take vpon hym to make, or cause to be made, any kynde of cloth, or carsey, to sel thesame againe, vpon paine of forfeiture of euery

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ry suche clothe, or carsey that he shall so sell.

And be it further enacted, that al & euery article, clause, or sentence, in any acte of parlamen, thertofoze made, concernyng makynge, dyeng, dresyng, pressyng, serchyng, or sealyng, any of the kyndes of clothes, brode, or narrowe, white, or coloured carseies, frieses, rugges, or cottons, heretofore in this acte mencioned, and beyng repugnaunt, or contrariant to any article, or sentence in this statute, shal fro the feast of S. Michel tharchaungell next, be vtterly void, and of none effect. And to thentent that al suche clothes as shalbe made within this realme, or any other the kinges dominions, afre thesaide feast, shal be the better knowen from the other clothes made befoze thesame tyme:

Be it therfore enacted by thauthozitie aforesaide, that from after thesaid feast, the letter .E. crowned shal not be wrought into the cloth, for, and by the space of .ii. yeres then next ensuyng, vpon paine of forfeiture of xx. s. for euery clothe, or carsey, wherein thesaide letter .E. shal so be wrought, the moietie of al whiche forfeiture and of al other forfeitures befoze expessed, and not otherwise appointed by this present acte, shalbe to the kyng our souereine lord, and thother moietie to him or them that wil sue for thesame, by action of debt, detinue, bil, plaint or enformation, in any of the kynges, courtes of Recorde, wherein no wager of lawe, essoine, or protection, shalbe admitted, nor allowed, for the defendaunt.

Prrouided also, and be it enacted by thauthozitie abouesaide, that it shal not be lawfull to any persone, or persons, at any time after the feast of S. Michel tharchaungell next comynge, to boile or cause to be boiled, any kynde of wolles, to be conuerted into any kynde of brode clothe, or carsey, with any kynde of galles, ryndes, barkes of trees, or sawe dust, vpon paine to forfeite all suche wolles, or the value thereof to be recouered, and had, in suche fourme and sozte, as in the foresaide acte is limited, and expessed.

Prrouided alwaies, that this Acte, or any thyng therein contened shal not in any wise extende to any cloth, or clothes, made in the toune of Tauestocke, in the county of Deuonshire, or els where within the saide county, commonly called Tauestocke clothes, but that it shalbe lawfull to all and euery inhabitauntes of thesaid toune, or makers of thesaide clothes, commonly called Tauestockes, to make and selle thesame, with the accustomed seale, as they haue hertofore bene accustomed, any thyng in this acte to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding. The

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The. vii. Chapter.

An acte limityng the tymes for buyeng
and selleng of Wolles.

Esasmuche as the great plenty of wolles within this realme, ought by all reason to cause the same to be of conuenient and reasonable prices, yea by the greedy and couetous mindes, as wel of suche as haue the greate plenty and aboundaunce of shepe, and wolles, as also by the corrupt practises of diuers Broggers, Engrossers, wolle gatherers and Regratours, and sondry other persones, by the hauyng to muche libertie of buyeng, keepyng vsyng, and occupieng of the same wolles, it manifestly appereth, that the prices therof be wonderfullye and exceedingly enhaunsed and raised, to the great hurt, detriment, and decaye of the realme.

Be it therfore ordeined, established, and enacted by thauthozitie of this present parliamente, that no maner of persone, or persones, beyng bozne within the kynges obeisaunce, shall after the last daie of May nexte, buye, bargaine, take, or make, any promes, or bargaine, of wolles, but onely suche persone, or persones, his wife, or his, or their Apprentice, or apprentices, enhabityng in hys or their mansion, house, or houses, as shall of thesaide wolles make yarne, any kind of cloth, chaubettes, wolsteade, Saies, Stamme, knitte Hose, knitte Peticotes, knitte gloues, knitte slieues, hattes, coives, cappes, arraisse, tapisscry, couerlectes, girdles, or any other thyng vsed to be made of woolle, or myxed with wolle, within the realme: or els a merchaunt or marchautes of Thestaple at Calleis, or his, or their apprentice, or apprentices dwelling in his, or their mansion house, or houses, to be shipped only to the staple at Calleis, vpon paine of forfeiture of the double value of thesaide wolles so to be bought, or bargained, or taken by promise of bargayne, contrary to this present acte.

And be it further enacted by thauthozitie aforesayd, that no merchaunt straunger, after the .xx. daie of Aprill next commyng, by hym self, or by any other persone or persones for him, in his name, or to his vse, in any yere after thesaide .xx. daie of Aprill then to come, shall bargain or buye any wolles, before the feast of the Purificatiō of our lady next after the clippynge or shearyng of thesame wolles, vpon payne of forfeiture of the double value of thesame wolles.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that no maner of persone or persones, hauyng any wolle or wolles, of his or their owne groweth, shall at any tyme after the feast of the Natiuitie of sainte Ihon Baptiste next comyng, kepe thesame wolles, to thentent

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to selle thesame in wolles, bntozoughte, ouer & aboue one whole year next & immediatly after the shering of thesame wolles: so as there be offered without fraude, oz couine, to theowner, oz owners therof, with in thesame time, suche price as then shalbe moſte commonlye geuen in in thesame shiere, for wolles of lyke goodnes, and packyng, vpon paine of forfeiture for euery todde, oz todde weight therof, so kepte aboue one yere vnſolde, as is aforesaide, the somme of .x. s. the moitie of al and euery suche forfeiture and forfeitures, penaltie, oz penalties be fore reherſed, to be to thuse of our ſouereigne lord the kyng, his heires and ſucceſſours, and thother halfe to the vse of hym that will sue for thesame, in any of the kinges courtes of recorde by action of debt, bille, plainte, information, oz otherwyſe, wherein no wager of lawe protection, oz eſſoine shalbe allowed for the defendaunte.

Þrouided alwaies, that the Merchantes of Newe Castle, and other persons, may buy wolles of the groweth of the counties of Northumbrelaude, Cumbrelaude, Westmerlaude Richemounte, and Alerton shiere, oz the bishopricke of Duresme, to the entent to shippe, oz transport thesame into the partes beyond the sea, as they haue bene accustomed, any thinge in this statute to the contrary, in any wyſe notwithstanding.

Þrouided also, & be it enacted, that the Marchantes of the staple maie from time to time, bargain, oz sel, their refuse course wolles, & locques, suche as is not mete for thesaid staple, to any persone, oz persones, that will buy thesame to make yarne, oz cloth, oz other thinges as is abouesaid, within this realme, so as thesame be shot and packed by the wolles packer, declaring of what packing, oz country the refuse oz locques be, and writyng vpon the clothes, wherein thesaide refuse wolles is packed, in greate letters, as they do vpon the wolles that is shipped to Calais.

Þrouided alwaies, and be it enacted by thauthoritie abouesaid, that it shall and maie be lawefull to the kyng our ſouereigne lord by his proclamation at any tyme hereafter to be made, and set furth, to repeale this statute, and all and euery article, clause, sentence, and other thyng, and thynges therein contained, and to make thesame void to all ententes and purposes, as though this acte had neuer bene had oz made, any thyng in this Statute to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Þrouided alwaies, that the acte made at the first Session of this parliament holden, in the firste yere of the reigne of our Souereigne Lord the kyng, called and entituled the acte for the continuance of makyng of worsted yarne in Norfolke, and euery article and clause therof, shall remaine and continue in ful force, vertue and strengthe. And that all persones enhabityng, oz that shall enhabite, within the saide countie of Norfolke, oz cite of Norwiche, and euery of them, shall

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shall and may buye, and sell wolles growyng within the sayde Countie of Norfolk, according to the purporte, true effect, and plaine meaning of the sayde Acte, made in the sayde firste yere of the reigne of our sayde soueraigne Lorde the Kyng, any thyng in this acte contained to the contrary thereof, in any wise notwithstanding.

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An Acte limittynge what persones shall weaue or make brode wollen clothe.



But it enacted by the assent of the Kynges Maicstie the Lordes spiritual, and temporall, and the commons in this Parlamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that no person, or persones within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Kynges Dominions, after the feast of sainte Michaell the Archaungell next ensuyng, shall weaue, or make, or put to weauyng, or makyng, any maner of brode wollen clothe, or brode

wollen clothes, to be solde, oneles that suche person, or persones, shall so weaue or make, or put to weauyng, or makyng, the sayd brode wollen clothe, or clothes, so to be made to be solde, haue bene an Apprentice to the occupation of brode wollen clothe makyng, or clothes weauyng, or haue bene exercysed and practysed in, and with brode clothe makyng, or clothe weauyng, by the space of seven yeaeres at the least, before the same person, or persones, shall so take vpon hyin, or them, to make, or weaue, or to putte to weauyng, or makyng the sayd brode wollen clothes, vpon payne to forfeite all, and euery suche clothe, and clothes, so wouen, or made, contrarie to the fourme of this acte: the one halfe of whiche forfeiture, shalbe to our soueraigne Lorde the Kyng, and the other halfe, to hyin or them, that will, or shall sue for the same, by byll, playnte, action of debte, or enforzacion, in any courte of Recorde, within this Realme of Englande, or Wales, in whiche action, sute, playnt, bil, or enforzacion, no esoyne, protection, or plea to the iurisdiction of the Courte, shall be allowed for the defendaunt.

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The. ix. Chapter.

An acte that no man robbing any house, Bouthe, or
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fite of his Clergie.



Where at the Parliament holdē at Westminster, by
prologacion, in the. xxij. yere of the reigne of the
late king of famous memory, kyng Henry the viij.
It was among other thinges, then and there enact-
ed, established, and ordeined, by aucthoritie of the
same parliamēt, that no persone nor persones, whi-
che after that time should happen to be found gilt-
ie, after the lawes of this Realme, for any maner
pettie treason, or for any wilful murther of malice pze-
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byng of any churches, chapelles, or other holy places, or for robbing
of any persone, or persones, in their dwelling houses, or dwelling pla-
ces, the owner or dweller in the same house, his wife, his children, or ser-
uautes, then beyng within, and put in feare, or dread by the same, or
for robbing of any person, or persons, in, or nere about the high wates
or for wilfull burning of any dwelling houses, or barnes, wherein any
grayne, or cozne, should happen to be, nor any persone, or persones, be-
yng founde guiltie of any abettement, procurement, mainteining, or co-
cealyng of any, or to any suche pettie Treason, murthers, or felonies,
should from thencefurth be admitted to the benefite of his, or their cler-
gie, but vtterly to be excluded thereof, and suffre death, in suche maner
and fourme, as they should haue done for any the causes, or offences
abouesayde, if they were no clerkes, suche as be within the holy orders,
that is to saie, of the orders of Subdeacon or aboue, alonely excepted,
as by the same acte amonges other thynges moze playnely appereth,
whiche acte was made to endure vntill the last date of the next parla-
ment, and after that at the session of the parliament holden at Westmin-
ster by prologacion, in the. xxij. yere of the reigne of the said late kyng
the same acte with other actes, was made to continue for euer. Wherby
the makynge of whiche statute, it hath bene doubted, that if suche rob-
beries and felonies, hath bene committed and done in dwelling hou-
ses, and dwelling places, the owner, or dweller, in the same houses, his
wife, his children, or seruautes, beyng then put in feare, or dread, by the
same shal not lose the benefite of their clergie, if the offendours be ther
in founde guiltie by the lawes of this realme, onles the same robberie, or
fellonie, be committed and done, in the very chāber, house, or place, where
the owner or dweller, in the same house, his wife, childre or seruautes,
shall happen to be, or lie at the time of suche robberie, and fellonie com-
mitted & done, and put in feare or dread, although the owner & dwel-
ler in suche house, and houses, his wife, his children, or seruautes, at
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the tyme of suche robberie, and felonie committed, & done, were or laye in other places, within the precinct of thesame dwelling houses, nyghe vnto the house, or place, where suche robberie, and felonie shall happen to be done. And if it happen that the owner, or dweller, within thesame house where suche robberie, & felonie, shall happen to be done, his wife children, or seruautes, to be aslepe, at the tyme of suche robberie, & felonie, committed & done, although thesame robberie were done in the chamber, or place, where the owner or dweller in thesame house, his wife, children, or seruautes, then late, the offendours beyng founde guiltie thereof accordyng to the lawes of the lande, should not lose the benefite and aduauntage of his Clergie: And where also it hath bene in queston, & doubted, that if suche robberies, and felonies, happen to be committed, and done, in any bouth, or bouthes, tent, or tētes, in any faier or market the owner of thesame, his wife, childre or seruautes, happen to be within thesame, at the tyme of the committing of suche felonies, & put in feare and dread, the offendours therein beyng founde guiltie, after the lawes of this realme, should not lose the benefite of their clergie. For the true declaratiō & explanactō of thesame doubtēs, or questiōs before recited

Be it enacted, ordeined, and established, by the kyng our souereigne lord, the lordes spiritiual, and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, that if it happen any persone, or persones, to be founde guiltie, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, for robbing of any persone, or persons, after the first day of May next ensuyng, in any parte or parcel of their dwelling houses, or dwelling places, the owner, or dweller, in thesame house, or his wife, his children, or seruautes, being then within thesame house, or place, where it shall happen thesame robbery, & felonie, to be committed and done, or in any other place within the precinct of thesame house or dwelling place, that suche offendours shall in no wise be admitted to their Clergie, whether the owner or dweller in thesame house, his wife, or children, then, and there beyng, shalbe wakyng, or sleping. And that no persone, nor persones, whiche after thesaide first day of May, shall happen to be founde guiltie, after the lawes of this Realme, of, and for robbing any persone, or persones, in any bouth, or tente, in any faier or market, the owner, his wife, his children, or seruautes, or seruaunt then beyng within thesame bouth, or tente, shall not from hencefurthe be admitted to the benefite of his, or their Clergie, but vtterly be excluded thereof, and suffre death, in suche maner and fourme, as is before mentioned in thesayde acte, made in thesayde. xxiiij. yeare of the reigne of thesame late kyng, for robberies, and felonies, committed, and done, in dwelling houses, and dwelling places, the owner, or dweller, in thesame, his wife, children, or seruautes, then beyng within thesame, and put in feare & dread, without hauyng any respect or consideration whether the owner or dweller in suche Bouthes, and Tentēs, his wyfe

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childre or seruantes, beyng in thesame Bouthes, or Centes at the time of suche robberies and felonies, comitted, shalbe slepyng, or wakyng.

The. x. Chapter.

An acte to take away the benefite of Clergie from suche as robbe in one shiere, and fle into another.



here in the parliamēt holdē at Westminster, by p^{ro} rogacion the. xv. day of January, in the. xxv. yere of the reigne of our late souereigne lordē Kyng Henry the eight: It is recited that at the parliamēt holden at Westminster, in the. xxiiij. yere of the reigne of the saidē late kyng, amonges other thynges, it was ordeined established, and enacted, that no persone, nor persones, whiche after that time should happen to be found gilty after the lawes of this lande, of any maner of petie treason, or for any wilful murder of make p^{re}pared, or for robbing of any churches, chapelles, or other holie places, or for robbing of any persone, or persones, in their dwellyng houses, or dwellyng place, the owner or dweller in the same house, his wife, his children, or seruantes, then beyng within, and put in feare & dread by thesame, or for robbing of any persone, or persones, in, or nere about the high way, or for wilful burning of any dwelling houses, or barnes, wherin any graine of cornes, should happen to be, nor any persone, or persons, beyng found gilty of any abbetement p^{ro}curement, helpyng, mainteynyng, or concelyng, of, or to any such petie treason, murders, or felonies, should from thencefurthe be admitted, to the benefite of his, or their Clergie, but should vtterly be excluded therof and suffre death, in suche maner and fourme, as they should haue done for any the causes or offences abouesayde, if they were no clerckes, whiche acte extended, but only wher suche offendour was comitted in suche countie or place, where suche offence was so committed and done, and not where he, or they, did suche offence in one countie, & were taken with the maner in another countie. Wherefore it was considered, that for asmuche, as diuers and many fellōs, and robbers, that committe and do, diuers and many great heynous robberies, and burglaries, in one shiere, & conueie the spoyle and robberte into any other shiere, and there be taken, endicted, and arreigned of felonie, of the felonous stealyng of thesame goodes, in thesame other shiere, then wher thesame robberies, or burglaries, were done, and comitted, and not of thesame robberte nor burglary, for that it was not done nor comitted, in thesame shiere, where they be so endicted, and arreigned, and that by reason therof, suche fellōs, robbers, and burglars, had, and enioyed the priuilege, and aduantage of their clergie.

For redresse whereof, it was enacted in thesayde Parliamēt holden in thesayde fyue and twenty yere of thesayde late kyng, that if any persone

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perſone or perſones, after that tyme, after ſuche robberye or burglarie, by hym or them done in one Countie, ſhould be endicted of felonye for ſtealynge of any goodes or cattalles, in any other Countie within this Realme, and there vpon arreigned and founde guiltye, or ſtande mute of malice, or chalenge peremptorie aboue the nombze of twenty perſones, or would not vpon his or their ſayde arreignment directly aunſwere to theſame felonye, that then theſame perſone, and perſones, ſo arreigned, and founde guiltye, or ſtandynge mute of malice, or chalengynge peremptorie aboue the nombze of twenty perſones, or that would not directly aunſwere to the lawe, ſhould loſe and be put from the benefite of his or their Clergie, in like maner and fourme, as they ſhould haue bene, if they had bene endicted, arreigned, and founde guiltye in the ſame Countie where ſuche robberye, or burglarye, as is aforeſayd, was done or committed, if it ſhuld appere to the iuſtices befoze whome any ſuch felons or robbers ſhuld be arreigned, by euidence geuen befoze the or by examinacion, that theſame felons & burglars, ſhould haue bene put from their Clergie in caſe they had bene endicted, arreigned, & found guiltye in theſame Countie, where theſame robberies or burglaryes wer committed or done, as in theſame Statute made in theſayde. xxv. yere among other thynges moze playnly appereth. And where in the parliament holden at Weſtmiſter, the fourth date of Nouember, in the firſt yere of the reigne of our ſouereigne lord the kyng that now is:

It is ordeined and enacted, amonges other thinges, that no perſone or perſones, that befoze that time had bene, or at any time after ſhould be, in due forme of the lawes atteinted, or conuicted of murther, of malice prepensed, or of poſſonynge of malice prepensed, or of breakynge of any houſe, by daye or by nyght, any perſone beyng then in theſame houſe, where theſame breakynge had bene, or after that tyme ſhould be comitted, beyng put in feate or dread, or of, or for robbynge of any perſone, or perſones in the hygh waye, or nere to the hygh waye, or for felonious ſtealing of horſes, geldinges or mares, or of felonious taking of any goodes out of any parochie churche, or other Churche, or Chappell, or beyng indicted or appealed, of any of theſame offences, and there vpon founde guiltye, by verdicte of. xii. men, or ſhould confeſſe theſame vpon his or their arreignment, or would not aunſwere directly, accordynge to the lawes of this realme, or ſhould ſtande wylfully, or of malice mute, ſhould not be admitted to haue or enioye the priuilege or benefite of his or their Clergie, or Sanctuarie, but ſhould be put from theſame. And that in all other caſes of felonye, other then ſuche as be befoze mencioned, all and ſinguler perſone, & perſones, whiche after the firſt date of Marche then next followynge, ſhuld be arreigned or found guiltye vpon his or their arreignment, or ſhould confeſſe theſame, or ſtande mute in fourme aforeſayde, or would not aunſwere directly in fourme aforeſayde, ſhould haue and enioye the priuilege and benefite of his

of his, or their Clergie, and the libertie and priuilege of Sanctuary, in lyke maner and fourme as he, or they myght, or should haue done, before the .xxiii. daye of April, in the first yeaue of the reigne of the sayde late kynge Henry the eyght, as in the sayde acte, made in the sayde first yere among other thynges moze playnely appereth. By reason of whiche article, and clause, contened in the sayde acte, made in the sayde first yere, the sayde statute made in the sayde .xxv. yere of the sayde late kynge, whiche did put suche fellows and burglars, from their Clergie, that doe suche offence in one Countie, and after are taken with the goodes stolen, in another Countie, and there endicted, arrepynged, and founde guiltie, was made voyde. By reason wherof, diuers and many persones that sythen the sayde first yere haue comitted suche robberies & burglaries, in one Countie, and after haue bene taken with the maner in another Countie, and there endicted, arreined, and founde guiltie haue had and enioyed their Clergie, whiche they could not haue had in case the sayde acte, made in the sayde .xxv. yere, had stande in force, to the great boldyng and comforte of suche offendours.

For redressse wherof from hencefurth to be had, be it enacted by authoritie of this present parliament, that the sayde acte made in the sayde .xxv. yere touchyng the puttyng of such offendours from their Clergie and euery article, clause and sentence, contened in the same, touchyng Clergie, shall from hencefurth touchyng suche offences, fro hencefurth to be committed and done, stande, remayne, and be in full strength and vertue, in suche maner and fourme, as it did before the makyng of the sayde acte, made in the sayde first yere of the reigne of our sayde soueraigne lord the kynge that now is, any clause, article, or sentence, comprised in the sayde acte, made in the sayde first yere, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

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22 An acte for the punishment of diuers Treasons.



INASMUCHE as it is mooste necessarie, both for common pollicie, and dutie of subiectes, aboue al thynges to prohibite, restayne and extincite, all maner of shamefull Slaunders, whiche myght growe, happen, or arysse to their soueraigne lord the kynge Maiestie, whiche when they be heard, sene or vnderstande, cannot be but odible and also abhorred of al those sortes that be true and louyng subiectes, if in any poynte they may, doe, or shall touche his Maiestie, vpon whome dependeth the whole vnitie and vniuersall weale of this realme, without prouidyng wherfore, to great a scope of vnrasonable libertie should be geue to al canced & traiterous hartes, & the kinges louyng

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loving subiectes, should not declare vnto their souereigne lord now being, whiche vnto them hath bene, and is, moſte, both entirely beloved, and eſtimated, their vndoubted ſinceritie and truth.

Be it therfore enacted by the ſaſſent and conſent of our Souereigne lord the king, and the lordes ſpiritual and tempoꝛal, and the comons of this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the aucthoritie of the ſame that if any perſon, or perſons, after the firſt daie of June next coming by open pꝛechynges, expreſſe wordes, or ſayenges, do expreſſely directly & aduiledly ſetfurthe, & affirme, that the kyng that now is, is an heretike, ſciſmaticke, tirant, infidele, or vſurper of the crowne, or that any his heires, or ſucceſſours, to whom the crowne of this realme is limited, by aucthoritie of Parliament, holden in the. xxxv. yere of the reigne of the late kyng Henry the. viii. being in lawfull poſſeſſion of the crowne, is an heretike, ſciſmaticke, tiraunt infidele, or vſurper of the crowne, that then euery ſuche offendoure, being thereof duely conuicted, or attainted by the lawes of this realme, their abbettours, pꝛocourours, and counſailours, and all and euery their aidours, and comfortours, knowing theſaid offences, or any of them to be done, for his or their ſuche firſte offence, ſhal loſe, and forfeite to the kyng, al his and their goodes, and cattalles, and alſo ſhal haue and ſuffer impꝛiſonment of his and their bodies, at the kynges will and pleaſure. And if any perſone, being ones conuicted, or attainted, of any of theſaid offences ſhall after his ſaide conuiction, or attaindour, eftſones commit, or perpestrate any of thoſe offences before mencioned, in fourme aforeſaide committed, and ſhal be thereof duely conuicted, or attainted by the Lawes of this realme, that then euery ſuche offendour and offendours, their abbettours, pꝛocourours, and counſailours, and al and euery their aidours, and comfortours, knowing theſaide offences, or any of the to be done, for his or their ſeconde offence, or offences, ſhal loſe and forfeite vnto the kyng, the whole iſſues and pꝛofites, of al his and their landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, benefices, pꝛebendes & other ſpiritual pꝛomotions, for terme of the life of ſuche offendour, or offendours, and ſhall alſo loſe and forfeite vnto the kyng, al his & their goodes, and cattalles, and alſo ſuffre during his, and their liues perpetual impꝛiſonment of his, and their bodies.

Provided alwaies, that ſuche of theſaide ſpiritual pꝛomotions, as ſhal be charged with cure, be alwaies by the kynges maiestie, and his heires and ſucceſſours ſufficiently furniſhed of a Curate, for the diſcharge of theſame. And if any perſones, being twoo tymes hereafter conuicted, or attainted, of any of theſame offences, in fourme aforeſaide committed, ſhal after his ſeconde conuiction, or attaindour eftſones, committe, or perpestrate againe, any of theſaide offences in fourme aforeſaide, and bee thereof duely conuicted, or attainted, by the Lawes, and Statutes of this realme, that then euery ſuche

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thirde offence, or offences, shalbe demed and adiudged highe treason, and thoffendour, or offendours therein, their abbettours, procurours and counsailours, and al and euery their aydours, and comfortours, knowyng thesaide offences, or any of theym to be done, beyng thereof conuicted, or atteinted, accordyng to the Lawes and statutes of thys realme, shalbe iudged and demed high traitours, and shal suffer paines of death, and lose and forfeite all their goodes, and cattalles, landes, and tenementes, wherof he, or they, shalbe seised of an estate of enheritance, in his, or their owne right, to the kyng, as in cases, of high treason.

And be it further enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that if any person, or persons, at any time astre thesaid first daie of June, next comyng by wrytyng, pryncyng, paintyng, karuyng, or grauing, do directly, expressly, and aduisedly publishe, setfurth, and affirme, that the kyng that now is, or any his heires, or successours limited as is aforesayde, is an hereticke, schismaticke, tiraunt, infidelle, or vsurper of the corone, that then euery suche offence, and offences, shalbe demed, and adiudged high treason, and thoffendour, & offendours, their abbettours, procurours, and counsailours, and all and euery their aydours and comfortours, knowyng thesaide offences, or any of them to be done, beyng therof conuicted, or atteinted, accordyng to the Lawes and statutes of this realme, shalbe demed & adiudged high traitours, and shall suffer paines of deathe, and lose and forfeite al their goodes and cattalles, landes, and tenementes, to the king, as in cases of high treason.

And be it further enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that if any persone, or persones, astre thesaide first daie of June next comyng, rebelliously do deteine, kepe, or with holde fro our said soueraigne lord, his said heires, & successours, any of his, or their castles, fortresses, fortilesses, or holdes within this realme, or in any other of kyngs doiminions, or marches, or rebelliously kepe deteine, or withhold fro the kings saide highnes, his saide heires, or successours, any of his, or their shippes, ordinaunces, artillery, or other munitions, or fortifications of war & do not obediētly redre & geue vp to our said soueraigne lord, his said heires, or successours, or to suche persones, as shalbe deputed by them or any of the, suche castles, fortresses, fortilesses, holdes, shippes, ordinaunces, artillery, or other munitions, & fortifications of war, rebelliously kept, & deteined, within .vi. daies next after thei shalbe comaunded by our said soueraigne lord, his said heires, or successours, by opē proclamation, vnder the great seale, thesame proclamation to be made in such place & order, so as the partie, & parties to be charged by this act, mai cōueniētly haue notice, or knowlege therof: that the euery such persone, or persones so offendyng in any the premises, astre thesaide first day of June, their abbettours, procurores, & counsailors, & al & euery their aidours

aidours, and comfortours, knowyng thesaid offences, or any of them to be done, beyng lawfully convicted, of the rebelliously keepyng, & deteynyng therof, accordyng to the lawes, and statutes of this Realme, shalbe adiudged traitours, and shall suffer paines of death, and lose and forfeite al their goodes and cattalies, landes, and tenementes, vnto the kyng, as in cases of high treason.

And ouer that be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that if any of the kynges subiectes, deniseng, or other, do commit, or practyse, out of the limites of this realme, in any out ward partes, any thoffences whiche by this acte are made, or heretofore now standing in force haue bene made treason, that then such treasons, whatsoeuer they be or wheresoeuer they shall happen so to be done, or committed, shalbe equired, and presented, by the othes of .xii. good, and lawful men bpo good, and probable euidence and witnes, in suche shiere, and countie of this realme, and befoze suche persones, as it shall please the kyng, his saide heires, or successours to appointe by commission vnder hyg greate seale, in lyke maner and forme, as treasons committed within this realme, haue bene vled to be enquired of and presented. And that vpon euery endictment and presentment, founden & made of any such treasons, & certified into the kynges Benche, lyke processe, and other circumstance shalbe there made, and had against thoffendours, as if thesame treason so presented, had bene lawfully found to be done, and committed, within the limites of this realme. And that all processe of outlawry, hereaftre to be made and had, within this realme, against any offendours in treson, beyng resiaunt, or enhabitaunt, out of the limites of this realme, or in any the partes beyond the sea, at the tyme, of the outlawry pronounced against the, shalbe as good and effectual in the Lawe, to all ententes, and purposes, as if any such offendours, had bene residente and dwellyng within this Realme, at the tyme of suche processe awarded, and outlawry pronounced.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaide, that if the partie so herafter to be outlawed, shal within one yere next aftre thesaide outlawry pronounced, or Judgemente geuen vpon the saide outlawry, yelde himselfe vnto the chiefe Justice of England, for the tyme beyng, and offer to trauers thendicement, or appele, wher vpon thesaide outlawry shalbe pronounced, as is aforesaide, that the he shalbe receiued to thesaid trauers, and beyng therupon founde not gilty by the verdict of .xii. men, he shalbe clerely acquitted, and discharged of thesaide outlawry and of al penalties and forfeitures, by reason of thesame, in as large and ample maner, and forme, as though no suche outlawry had bene made, any thyng herein contened to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, by thaucthoritie aforesaide, that euery offendour, or offendours, beyng hereafter lawfully conuicte, of any

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maner of high treason, by presentment, confession, verdict, or processe of outlawry, accordyng to the due course, and custome of the lawes of this realme shall lose, and forfeite to the kynges highnes, his heires and successours aforesaide, al suche landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, whiche any suche offendour, or offendours, shall haue, of any estate of enheritaunce, in hys owne ryght, in vse, or possession, within this realme of Englande, or els where, within any the kynges dominions, at the time of any such treasons committed, or at any time after.

And it is further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaide, that no person, or persons, shall in any wise be impeched, for any of thoffences aforesaide, committed onely by open preachyng, or wordes, onles the offendour, or offendours, be therof accused, within thre monthes next after thesame open preachyng, or wordes, & that thesame accusation, or accusations, be had, made, and declared, to one of the kynges counsaill, or to one of the kynges Justices of Assise, or els to one of the kynges Justices of the peace, being of the Quorum, or to two Justices of the peace within the Shiere, where thesame offence, or offences, shall happen to be done, or committed, any thyng contened in this acte to the contrary therof, in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it declared, and enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that cocelement, or keping secrete of any high treason, be demed, and taken, onely misprision of treason, & thoffendour therein, to forfeite, and suffer, as in cases of misprision of treason, as hertofore hath bene used, any thyng aboue mencioned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that no persone, or persons, after the first daie of June, next comming shall be endicted, arreigned, condempned, convicted, or attainted, for any of the treasons, or offences, aforesaide, or for any other treasons, that now be, or hereafter shall be, whiche shall hereafter be perpetrated, committed, or done, onles thesame offendour, or offendours, be therof accused, by twoo lawfulle accusers, whiche saide accusers, at the time of thareignement of the partie accused, if thei be then living, shall be brought in persone, before the partie so accused, and auowe and maintein that that they haue to saie against thesaid partie, to proue him guilty of the treasons, or offences, contened in the bille of endictement laied against the partie arreigned, onles thesaide partie arreigned shall willinglye without violence confesse thesame. Sauyng to euery person, and persons, their heires and successours, other then thoffendours, and their heires, and suche persone, and persones, as claime to any their vles, al suche rightes, titles, interest possessions, leases, rentes, reuerfions, of fices, and other profites, whiche they, or any of them shall haue, at the daie of committynge suche Treasons, or at any tyme after, in as large and ample maner, as if this acte had neuer bene had, nor made.

Provided also, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that the
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Wife, or wifes, whose husbande, or husbandes herafter shalbe attainted of treasons specified in this acte, or of any other treasons, whatsoever they be, that in no wise be received, to aske, chalenge, demaunde, or haile dowry of any the landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, of any the person, or persones, to be attainted of treason, as is aforesaid, vnder the said attaintour in his force, any thing before mentioned to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

The.iii. Chapter.

An acte, for the declaracion of a statute, made for the marriage of priestes, and for the legitimatation of their children.



Albeit, that at the Session of this parliament, holde by prorogacion at Westminster, the.iii. daie of November in the seconde yere of the reigne of the kinges Maiesty that now is, it was ordeined, & enacted by the auctoritie of the same parliament, that all and euery lawe, and lawes, positive, canons, constitucions, and ordinaunces, before that made, by the auctoritie of man only, whiche then did prohibite and forbid mariage to any ecclesiasticall, and spirituall person, or persons, of what estate, condicio, or degre, they then wer, or by what name or names, so euer they then were called, whiche by Gods lawe might lawefully mary, & al & euery article, braunch, & sentence, concernyng onely the prohibition for the mariage of the persons aforesaid, should be vtterly boide, and of none effect: And that al maner of forfeitures, paines, penalties, crimes, or actions, which were in the said lawes contained, or of the same did follow, concernyng the prohibitio, for the mariage of the persones aforesaid, should be clerely and vtterly boide, frustrate, and of none effect, to al ententes, constructions and purposes, as wel concerning mariage afore that tyme made by any of the Ecclesiasticall, or spiritual persones aforesaid, as also suche, which thereafter shoulde be duely & lawefully had, celebrated, & made betwixte the persones whiche by the lawes of God might lawfullie matie: Perceiue the makynge of thesaide acte, diuers euil disposed persones, peruersely takynge occasion, of certein wordes, & sentences, in the same acte comprised, haue, and do vntreuly, & very slanderously report of priestes Matrimonye, sayeng that thesame statute is but a permissio of priestes Matrimonye, as Usurie, and other vnlawfull thynges be now permitted, for the schewing of greater inconuenience, & euilles, so that thereby the lawful Matrimony of priestes, in the opinion of many, and the children procreate, & borne in suche lawfull Matrimonye rather be of a great nombre of the kinges subiectes accompted as bastardes, then lawfully borne, to the great slander, peril, and disherison of suche children: Whiche vntreue slanderous reproche of holy matrimony, doth not onely rebounde to the highe dishonour of almighty

God, but also to the kynges maiesties dishonour, & his high court of Parliament and the learned clergy of this realme, who have determined the same to be most lawfull, by the lawe of God, in their conuocation, as well by their comon assent, as by the subscription of their handes. And that most of all, is to be lamented, through such vncomely railinges of matrimony, and slanderous reproches of the clergie, the word of god is not heard with reuerence, folowed with diligence, the godly procedynges of the kynges maiestie, not receiued with due obedience, & therby the welthy me of this realme discouraged to nourish and bring up their childe in learning, so as it is to be feared, lest in place of good learning and knoweledge, shal crepe in ignorance, and for learned men, vnlearned ambitious me, and flatterers, to the great displeasure of almighty god, & to the perill of the whole state of gods true religiõ within this realme, if speedy remedy be not prouided herin.

Therefore it is enacted, by the kyng our souereine lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same parliament, that the Matrimony of al, and euery priest, and other Ecclesiasticall, & spirituall persones, and persone, heretofore had, celebrated, and made, and the matrimony of euery priest, and other Ecclesiasticall and spirituall persone, whiche shal hereafter duely be had, celebrated, and made, shalbe adiudged, demed and taken, for true, iust, and lawfull matrimony, to all ententes, constructions, and purposes. And that al and euery childe, and childe, borne in any suche matrimony, shal be demed, iudged, reputed, and taken, to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, to be borne in lawfull matrimony, and to be legitimate and enheritable to landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, from & by any of their fathers, mothers, and other auncestours, in like maner and fourme, to al ententes, constructions, and purposes, as any other childe, borne in lawfull matrimony betwixt any of the kynges laie subiectes be enheritable, and that by the auctoritie aforesaide, as well all and euery priest, and other Ecclesiasticall, and spiritual person, and persones, be, & shalbe enabled to be tenants by the courtsey, after the death of their wiues, of suche landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, as their wiues shal happen to be seised of, of estate in fee simple, or estate in fee taile generall, during thespousalls, as also euery wife of euery suche priest, and other Ecclesiasticall person, shalbe enabled to claime, demanda, haue and enioy dower of the landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, wherof her husband, during the espousalles betwene them, was seised of estate in fee simple, or fee taile generall in his owne right, in like maner and fourme, to al ententes, constructions, and purposes, as any other husband, or wyfe maye or might claime, demande, haue, or enioy. Any lawe statute, ordinance, canon, constitution, prescription, or custome, hadde, made, exercised,

sed or vsed in this realme to the contrary in any wise, notwithstanding.
 Provided alwaie, that this Acte, nor any thyng therein contained, shall extend to geue libertie to any persone to marie, without askyng in the Church, or without the Ceremonies, accordyng to the Boke of Common praiet, & administration of the sacramentes, nor shall make any suche matrimonie already made, or hereafter to be made, good, which are prohibited by the lawe of God for any other cause.

Provided also that this acte, nor any thyng therein contained, shall extend to alter, chaunge, reuoke, repeale, or other wise to disanull any Decree, iudgement, or sentence of diuorice, heretofore had or made, or to chaunge or alter, the possession or enheritaunce, of any landes, or tenementes, already descended, but that thei and euery of them, shall remain continue, and be of suche like force, effect, strength and degree, to all ententes, constructions and purposes, as thei were before the makyng of this acte. This Acte, or any thyng therein contained to the contrary in any wise, notwithstanding.

The. xiii. Chapter.

An Acte, for the declaracion of a statute, made in the. xxi. yere of kyng Henry the eight, touchyng Religious persones.



Where by an Acte of Parlament, made in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of the moste noble Prince, of famous memorie, kyng Henry theight, for, and concernyng the enablement of professed, and religious persones, to purchase to them, and to their heires, in fee simple, fee talle, for terme of life, for yeres, or at will: manors, landes, tenementes, rentes, annuities, and other hereditamentes, and thynges whatsoeuer: And that thei, and euery of theim, should or might, from thencefurth vse, and exercise, receiue, take, haue, and enioye, all, and euery lawfulle thyng, and thynges, to be growen, fallen, or happened to them, or any of them, after thesame decrainment, or departyng out of religion. And in whiche said acte of Parlament, there is a prouiso contained, that none of thesame religious persones should, or might, at any tyme after the makyng of thesame Acte, be taken, demed, or iudged, for, or as heire, or heires, or enheritable to any persone, or persones, to any purpose, respect, construction, or entent in the lawe, as by thesame acte, among other thynges therein contained, more fully at large it may and doth appere. And forasmuche as lithe the tyme of the makyng of thesaid acte, there hath bene certain ambiguities and doubtes, growen and arisen, and hereafter are like to growe, and arise, vpon the exposition of thesaid acte, whether thesaid late religious, and professed persones should, or might be adiudged, able to enherite, and to be enheritable, as heire, or heires, to any of his, or their auncestour, or aunces-

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stours, and to haue, and enioye, all, and euery thyng, and thynges descended, growen, fallen, or happened to them, or any of them, after the saide deraiment, or departyng out of Religion, yea, or no: For the full and plaine declaration wherof, be it enacted, declared, and expounded by the auctoritie of this present parliament, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all, and euery of the same late Religious, and professed person, and persones, shall, & maie, by auctoritie of this Acte, be enabled to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, at all tyme, and tymes hereafter, to be taken, demed, and iudged, as heire, or heires, and enheritable to all, and euery their auncestour, or auncestours, and to haue, chalenge, or enioye, receiue, & take, al manours, landes tenementes, and hereditamentes, and euery other thyng, and thynges, to the or any of them fallen, come, growen, or descended, from any their auncestours, by any maner of waies, sence the time of their seuerall deraimentes, or departing out of their religion, in as ample, and large manner, forme, and condicion, as they had neuer bene professed, nor entered into religion, the same profession, or religion, or any lawe custome or vse, within this Realme, to the contrary thereof in any wyse, notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, & be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that none of the saide religious persons, shall, or maie, by vertue of this acte, at any tyme hereafter, be taken, demed, or iudged for heire or heires, or enheritable to any persone, or persones, to any construction, or entent in the lawe, by reason of any former right, title interest matter, or cause, hadde, made, done, descended, or growen to any respect, or purpose, before their saide seuerall deraimentes, or departing out of their religion, any thyng before in this act, or in the said former acte contained to the contrary hereof in any wyse, notwithstanding.

The. xiiii. Chapitre.

An acte, against regratours focestallers, and Engrossours.



Albeit, diuerse good statutes, heretofore haue ben made, against focestallers of merchaundises, and victualles, yet for that good lawes, and statutes, against regratours, & engrossers of the same thynges, haue not bene heretofore sufficiently made, & provided, and also for that it hath not bene perfectly knowen, what person shold be take for a focestaller, regratour, or engrosser, the saide statutes, haue not taken good effect, accordyng to the myndes of the makers therof: therefore, be it enacted, & declared, by the king our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same: that whatsoeuer persone, or persons, that after the first day of

of Maie next commyng, shall buy, or cause to be boughte, any Marchandise, victuall, or any other thyng whatsoeuer, comyng by lande, or by water, toward any market, or faier to be sold in the same, or comyng toward any, citie, porte, haven, crieke, or rode, of this realme, or Wales, from any partes beyond the sea, to be sold, or make any bargain, contract, or promise, for the hauing, or buieng of the same, or any part therof, so comyng, as is aforesaid, before the said merchandise, victualles, or other thyng, shalbe in the market, faier, citie, port, haven, crieke, or rode, ready to be solde, or shall make any motion by worde, letter, message, or otherwysse, to any persone, or persones, for the hauncyng of the price, or derer sellyng of any thyng, or thynges aboue mencioned, or els diswade moue, or stirre, any persō, or persōs, comyng to the market, or faier, to absteyne, or forbear to byng, or conueigh, any of the thynges aboue rehered, to any market, faier, citie, porte, haven, crieke, or rode, to be solde, as is aforesaid, shalbe deemed, taken, and adiudged, for a Forestaller.

Further be it enacted, and declared, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that whatsoeuer persone, or persones, that after the said first day of Maie, shal by any meanes regrate, obteine, or gette, into his, or their handes, or possession, in any faier, or market, any corne, wine, fishe, butter, chese, candles, tallowe, sheepe, lambes, calves, swyne, pygges, geese, capons, hennes, Chekyns, pigeons, conies, or other deade victuall whatsoeuer, that shalbe brought to any faier, or market wyth in this realme, or Wales, to be solde, & doe sel the same againe in any faier, or market, holden, or kept in the same place, or in any other faier, or market, within.iiii.miles therof, shalbe accepted, reputed and taken, for a regratour, or regratours.

And be it also enacted, and declared, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that whatsoeuer persone, or persones, that after the said first day of Maie, shall engrosse, or get into his, or their handes, by buieng, contractyng, or promise takyng, other then by demise, graunt, or lease of land, or tithe: any corne, growyng in the fieldes, or any other corne, or graine, butter, chese, fish, or other deade victualles whatsoeuer, with in the realme of England, to the intent to sel the same againe shalbe accepted, reputed, and taken, an vnlawfull Engrosser, or Engrossers.

And if any person, or persones, shal at any tyme, after the said first daie of Maie, offende in any of the thynges before recited, and beyng therof duly conuicted, or attainted, by the lawes of this realme, or after the fourme hereafter mencioned, shal for his, or their first offence, haue, or suffer emprisonment, by the space of two monethes, without baile, or maine prise, and shall also lose, and forfeite the value of the goodes, cattall, and victuall, so by hym, or them bought, or hadde.

And if any persone, lawfully conuicted, or attainted, of, or for any the offences aboue saide, be therof estones lawfully conuicted, or attainted,

teinted, that then euery persone, or persones so offendynge, shall haue, and suffer, for his saied seconde offence, imprisonment by the space of one haulfe yere, without baile, or mainprise, and shall lose the double value of all the goodes, cattell, and victuall, so by hym bought, or had, as is aforesaid.

And if any persone beyng lawfully twise conuicted, or attainted, of, or for any of thesaied offences, shall eftsones offende the thirde tyme, and be thereof lawfully conuicted, or attainted, that then euery suche persone, for thesaied thirde offence, shall be set on the pillorie in the citie, toun, or place, where he shall then dwell, and inhabite, and lose, and forfeite all the goodes, and cattell, that he, or they, haue to their awne vse, and also be committed to prison, there to remain, durynge the kynges Maiesties pleasure.

Provided alwaie, and it is enacted and declared, by theauctoritie aforesaid, that the buyeng of any suche barley, Bigge, or Otes, as any persone, or persones (not focestallyng) shall buye, to conuert into malt, or otemeale, in his, or their awne house, or houses, and so shalbe conuerted in dede, or the buyeng of any suche thyng, by any suche fishmonger, Boucher, or Butler, as concerne his, or thei awne facultie, crafte, or Mysterie (otherwise then by focestallyng) whiche shall sell thesame again vpon reasonable prices by retails, or the takynge of any cattell, corne, grain, butter, chese, or any other thyng aboue mencioned, reserued without fraude, or couin, vpon any lease for terme of life, or lifes, yere, or yeres, heretofore made, or hereafter to be made: or the buyeng of any wine, or other decade victuall aboue mencioned, beyng apte and mete for mannes sustenance, by any Innholder, or other victualler, to sell thesame by retail within his house, or to any of his neighbors for their sustenance, for reasonable prices, or the buyeng of any dried, or salted fishe, herryng, or sprottes (not focestalled) and sold for reasonable prices, or the buyeng of any corne, fishe, butter, or chese, by any suche badger, lader, kiddier, or carier, as shall be assigned, and allowed to that office, or doyng, by thre Justices of Peace, of the countrie, where thesaide badger, lader, kiddier, or carier shall dwell, whiche shall sell, or deliuer in open faier, or market, or to any other victualler, or to any other persone, or persones, for the prouision of his, or their house, or houses, all suche corne, grain, butter, and chese, as any suche persone shall buye, or cause to be bought (and that within one moneth nexte after he shall so buye any suche Corne, Grain, Butter, or Chese) so that thesame shall be bought without focestallyng: or els that any cominon prouision made or hereafter to be made, without fraude or couin, by any person, or persones, of any of the thynges abouesaid, for any citie, borough, or toun corporate, or for prouision of victuallynge of any ship, Castle, or Forte, within the kynges dominions, without focestallyng, whiche shall be employed onely to that vse, and purpose: Or the buyeng and prouision of any

any of the victualles above mentioned, necessarie, and requisite for the furniture and provision of the inhabitants of Calais, Guisnes, and other the Marches of the same, or of the towne of Barwicke, Holly Islande, or the Sharches of Englande against Scotlande, which without fraude, or couynge shalbe transported, & conueighed, as sone as wind and weather may lerne, to suche of the places aforesaide, for the whiche the same shalbe so provided, shall not be in any wise demed, adiudged, or taken any offence contrary to this acte.

And it is also further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if any persone, or persones, after thesaide firste day of Maye nexte commynge, hauyng sufficiete Corne, and graine for the provision of his, or their owne house, or houses, and sowing of their groundes, for one yere doe buye any corne in any Fair, or Market, for the chaunge of his, or their sede, and do not bring to thesame Fair, or Market, thesame day so muche corne as he shal fortune to buye for his sede, and sel thesame if he can, as the price of corne then goeth in thesaid Market, or Fair: that then euery suche persone, or persons, so buyeng corne for sede, shal forfeite and lose the double value of the corne so boughte. Or if any persone, or persones, after thesaide firste daye of May, shall buye any maner of Oxen, Kountes, Stieres, Kine, Hekfers, Calues, Shiepe, lambes, goates, or kyddes liuyng, & sel thesame againe aliue, onles he or they do kepe, & fede thesame by the space of v. wekes, in his, or their owne houses, ground, ferme ground, or els in suche ground, or groundes where he, or they haue the herbage, or common of pasture, by graunte, or prescription: that then euery persone, or persones, so buyeng and sellyng againe, shal lose the double value of the cattall, or thynges so bought and sold againe. The moitie of al whiche forfeitures afore reherfed shalbe to the kyng, and the other moitie to hym, or theim, that wyll sue for thesame, in anye of the Kynges Courtes of Recorde, by Wille, plaint, action of debt, or enformation, in the whiche bill, plaint, action, or information, no wager of lawe, essone, or protectio shalbe admitted.

Be it also further enacted, by the auctoritie afore said, that the Justices of the Peace in euery countie, within this realme, or Wales, at their quartre Sessions, shal haue ful power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, to enquire, heare, and determine, all, and euery the defaultes and offences perpetrated, committed, or doone, contrarie to this acte, within the countie where any suche sessions shalbe kepte, by inquisition, presentmente, bill, or enformation before them exhibited, and by examination of two lawfull witnessses, or by anye of thesame wales, or meanes, by the discretion of the laide Justices, and to make process thereupon, as though they wer endicted before them by inquisition, or by heredit of. cu. manne, or more: & upon the conuiction of the offendour, by information, or sure of any other, then the kyng, to make extractes of the one moitie of the forfeitures to be leued to the kynges

ges vse, as they vse to do; of other fines, issues, & armerciaments growen in the Sessions of peace; & to award execution of thother moztie for the complainant, or enfourmer against the offendour, by *Fieri facias*, or *capias*, as the kynges Justices at Westminster maye dooe, and vse to do; And yf any suche conuiction, or attyndour; shall hereafter happen to be at the kynges suite onelye, that the whole forfeitures to be extracted and leuied to the kynges vse onely.

And it is further enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that whatsoeuer persone shall at any tyme hereafter, be punished by vertue of this acte, for any thyng mencioned in this acte, that then the same persone shall not otherwyle be bered, troubled, sued, or put to any paine, or punishment for that thyng, wherefore he, or they shall haue bene so punished.

Provided alwayes, and it is enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that it shall be laweful to euery persone, or persones which shall be assigned and allowed by thre Justices of the Peace, of the countie where he shall dwel, therunto, to buye (otherwise then by forestallyng) corne, graine, or cattell, to be trasported, or caried by water from any porte or place within this realme, or Wales, vnto any other Porte, or place, within thesaid realme, or Dominions, yf he, or they shall without fraude or couine, shippe, or embarke within .lx. daies next after he, or they shall haue bought thesame, or taken couenaunte, or promise for the buyeng therof, and with suche expedicion, and diligence as winde and wether wil serue, to cary and transporte thesame to suche Porte, or place, as hys, or theyr cockettes shall declare: and there do disbarke, vnlade, and sell the same, and do bring a true certificat thereof, fro one Justice of peace of the countie, or Mayor, or Bailife of the towne corporate wher thesame shall be vnladen, and also of the customer of the Porte, where suche vnladyng shall be, of the place, and daye, where thesaid corne, or cattell shall be disbarked, vnladen, and solde to be directed vnto the customer and Comptroller of the porte, wher thesame ware embarked any thyng mencioned in this acte to the contrary, not withstanding. And ouer that, that at al tymes hereafter, when wheate shall be commonlye at the price, of .vi. s. viii. d. the Quarter, or vnder, Malt, and Barley, at .iii. s. iiii. d. the quarter, or vnder, Otes, or Otes malted, at the price of .ii. s. the quarter or vnder, Pease, or Beanes, at the price of .iiii. s. the quarter, or vnder, and Rye or Mysteleyne, at the price of .v. s. the quarter, or vnder (all whiche quarters shall be entended to be of London measure) that then it shall be laweful to euery persone, and persones (not forestallyng) to buy, engrosse, and kepe in hys or theyr graneries or houses, suche corne of the kyndes aforesaid, as without fraude, or couin shall be bought, at, or vnder the prices afore expessed any thyng in this acte to the contrary not withstanding.

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that this acte, or any thing therein contained, extend not to charge any persone, or persones, for any thoffences aboue mencioned, onles, he, or thei be sued for thesame, within. ii. yeres next after such offence done, or committed, this acte, to endure vntil thed of the next parliament.

Þrouided alwaies, and be it enacted by thauuthoritie aforesaide, that it shalbe lawfull to all and euery of the kynges maiesties subiectes, now dwelling, and inhabityng, or that hereafter shall dwelle or inhabite within one mile of the maigne sea, to buy al maner of fyllhe, fresshe, or salted (not forstallyng thesame) and to sel thesame againe at reasonable prices: this acte, or any thing therein contained to the contrary in any wise, notwithstanding.

Þrouided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that it shalbe lawfull to all and euery persone, and persones knownen for a common Drouer, or Drouers, beyng licenced, aucthorised, and allowed, in wrytyng, by thre Justices of the peace, wherof one to be of the *Quorū*, of the countie, or counties, where thesame Drouer, or Drouers, shall be most abidyng, and dwelling, to buy cattel in suche shieres, or counties where Drouers haue bene wont in tymes past accustomably to buye cattel, at their free libertie and pleasure, and to sel thesame as is aforesaide, at reasonable prices, in common faiers, and markettes, distaunt from the place, or places, where he, or they shal buy the same. xl. miles at the least, so that thesame cattel be not bought by wai of forstalling. This acte, or any thynge therein contained to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Þrouided alwaies, that suche licence of Justices of the Peace shal not endure aboue one yere, onles thesame be yerely renued by so many Justices, as is aforesaide.

The. xv. chapter.

An acte against regratours of
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Where, by the couetousnes of diuers greedy personcs, regratynge & engrossynge, all kinde of tanned lether into their hādes, and selling again thesame at excessiue prices, to Sadlers, Girdlers, Cordewainers, and suche other artificers, & handycraftes men as make wares of tāned lether, the kynges louyng subiectes are enforced to buie thesaid wares, at vnrasonable prices for remedy and reformation wherof: Be it enacted by the kyng our souereigne Lorde, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this presente Parlamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, that from, and affre the first daye of mai nexte commynge, no person, or persones, of what estate, degree, or condicion, soeuer he, or they be, shal buie, or engrosse, or cause to be boughte, or engrossed, any kynde

Bynde of tanned lether, to the intent to sel the same againe, upon paine to forfeite the said lether so bought, or the iust price thereof. The one moitie of which forfeiture, shall be to the kyng our sovereygne Lord, and the other moitie to him, or them, that shall lease, or sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes of record, by actio of debt, bille, plaint, information, or other wyse, wherein no wager of lawe, essoine, protection, or insurrection, shall be admitted, or allowed for the defendaunt.

Provided also, and be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid that all sadlers, girdlers, cordwainers, and all other artificers, suche as make males, bougettes, lether pottes, tancardes, barehides, or any other wares of lether, shall, or maye buye, al suche kynde of tanned lether, as is, or shall be necessary for their occupieng, to be wrought and made by them, or by their seruantes, in, or about their said wares, any thing before mencioned in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, that every girdler, & other Artificer before mencioned in this acte, maye at his free wille, and pleasure selle their neckes, wombes, and shredde of tanned lether, (such as they, or any of them cannot occupie aboute the wares, they vse to make) to any person, or persones, without incurrng any forfeiture, paine, or penaltie before expressed in this acte, any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also and be it further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid that it shall be lawfull, to, or for, every persone, or persones, whyche nowe haue, or hereafter shall haue, the kings maiesties special licence, or licences, to transporte, cary, or conueigh over the seas, any kinde of Tanned lether, to buye for the furniture of their said licence, or licences, in open faier, or market, suche, and so muche tanned lether, as he or theie be, or shall be licenced to transporte, cary, or conueigh. So that the same licence, or licences, be presented, & shewed, vnto the chief officer, or officers, that now haue, or hereafter shall haue, the gouernaunce of any citie, towne, faier, or market, where as the said lether, or any part thereof, shall be bought. And so that the said officer, or officers, seying the same licence to be good, and perfect, do iustly, and truly write vpon the backeside of every suche licence, or licences, how muche tanned lether, he, or they, shall there haue bought, & the certeyne day tyme and place of buyeng the same, that thereby it maye manifestly appere, how, and when, every suche licence, or licences, be, or shall be satisfied, any thyng in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie abouesaid, that after the said firste day of Maie next comming, no person, or persons, shall shippe, or cause to be shipped (to the intent to cary, transporte, or conueie over the seas, as Marchaundise to be sold, or erchaunged there) any Shoes, Bootes, Buskins, Stertuppes, or Slippers, vpon paine to forfeite al, and every suche Shoes, Bootes, Buskins, Stertuppes

or Slip pers, so shipped contrarie to the true meanyng of this Acte, or the value of the same. The one moietie of the said forfeiture to be to the Kyng our soueraigne Lord, and the other moietie to hym, or them, that shal lease, or lewe to, the same, in any of the Kynges Maiesties courtes of recoorde, by action of debte, bille, plainte, enformacion, or otherwyle, wherein no wager of lawe, essoine, protection, or iniunction shalbe admitted, or allowed for the defendaunt.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this Acte, ne any thyng therein contened, shall not in any wyle extende to be prejudicial, or hurtful to any person, or persons, beyng the Kynges subiectes, for transportyng, or carieng ouer the Seas vnto Calice or the Marches of the same, and vnto the Isle of man, so muche, or as many of the aforesaid made wares (as Bootes, Buskyns, Stertuppes, and Slippers heretofore recited) as shalbe necessarie and conuenient for the wearyng, and furniture of the Kynges subiectes in them, or any of them. Any thyng in this laste Acte contened to the contrarie hereof in any wyle, notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no Sadler, Girdler, Cordwainer, nor other artificer, dwelling within the cite of London, and the suburbs of the same, whiche shal cutte the same tanned leather, (as is aforesaid to the intent to make wares thereof) shall couerie, or dresse, any of the foresaid tanned leather, in his, or their owne house, or houses, or by his, or their seruaunt, or seruauntes, upon paine of forfeiture, al, and euery the said tanned leather, so to be couerted. The one moietie of whiche forfeiture shalbe to our soueraigne Lord the Kyng, and the other moietie to the partie that wil sue for the same, in any of the Kynges Courtes of recoorde, by Bille, Plainte, Action, or Enformacion. Wherin no wager of lawe, essoine, protection, or Iniunction, shalbe admitted, or allowed for the defendaunt,

The. xvi. Chapter.

An Acte against buyeng, and selleng of Offices.



R the auoidyng of corruption, whiche may hereafter happen to be in the officers, and ministers, in those courtes, places, or rowmes, wherein there is requisite to be had the true administration of iustice, or seruices of truste, and to the intent that persones worthie, & mete to be aduanced to the place where iustice is to be ministred, or any seruice of trust executed shoulde hereafter be preferred to the same, and no other:

Beit therfore enacted, by the Kyng our soueraigne Lord, the lordes Spiritual & Temporal, and the Commons in this present parliament assembled & by the auctoritie of the same: That if any person, or persons

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sons at any tyme hereafter bargaine, or selle any office, or offices, or deputacion of any office, or offices, or any parte, or parcel of any of them, or receiue, haue, or take any money, fee, rewarde, or any other profite directly, or indirectly, or take any promise, agreement, couenaunt, bond, or any assuraunce, to receiue, or haue any money, fee, rewarde, or other profite directly, or indirectly, for any office, or offices, or for the deputacion of any office, or offices, or any parte of any of them, or to the intent that any person shoulde haue, exercise, or enioye any office, or offices, or the deputacion of any office, or offices, or any parte of any of them, whiche office, or offices, or any parte, or parcel of them, shal in any wise touche, or concerne the administracion, or execution of iustice, or the receipte, comptrollement, or paiement of any the kynges highnes treasure, money, rente, reuenue, accompte, alneage, auditourshippe, or surueieng of any the kynges Maiesties honoures, Castelles, Manours, Landes, tenementes, wooddes, or hereditamentes, or any the kynges Maiesties customes, or any administracion, or necessarie attendaunce to be had, done, or executed in any the kynges Maiesties custome house, or houses, or the keepyng of any the kynges Maiesties Townes, Castelles, or fortresses, beyng bled, occupied, or appointed for a place of strength, and defence, or whiche shal concerne, or touche any clerkeshippe to be occupied in any maner of Courte of record, wherin iustice is to be ministred: that then all, and euery suche person, and persons, that shal so bargaine, or selle any of the said office, or offices, deputacion, or deputacions, or that shal take any money, fee, rewarde, or profite for any of the said office, or offices, deputacion, or deputacions of any of the said offices, or any parte of any of them, or that shal take any promise, couenaunte, bonde, or assuraunce for any money, rewarde, or profite to be geuen for any of the said office, or offices, deputacion, or deputacions, of any of the said office, or offices, or any parte of any of them, shal not onely lose, and forfeite all his, and their right, interest and estate, whiche suche person, or persones shal then haue, of, in, or to, any of the said office, or offices, deputacion, or deputacions, or any parte of any of them, or of, in, or to, the giste, or nomination of any of the said office, or offices, deputacion, or deputacions, for the whiche office, or offices, or for the deputacion, or deputacions, of whiche office, or offices, or for any parte of any of them, any suche person, or persones, shal so make any bargaine, or sale, or take, or receiue any somme of money, fee, rewarde, or profite, or any promise, couenaunt, or assuraunce to haue, or receiue any fee, rewarde, money, or profite: But also that all, and euery suche person, and persones that shal geue, or paye any somme of money, rewarde, or fee, or shal make any promise, agreement, bonde, or assuraunce for any of the said offices, or for the deputacion, or deputacions, of any of the said office, or offices, or any parte of any of them, shal immediatly by and upon

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thesame fee, money, or rewarde, geuen, or paied, or vpon any suche promise, couenaunt, bond, or agreement, had, or made, for any fee, some of money, or rewarde to be paied as is aforesaid, be adiudged a disabled persone in the lawe, to al ententes, & purposes, to haue, occupie, or enioy thesaid office, or offices, deputation, or deputacions, or any parte of any of the, for the which suche persone, or persones, shall so gyue, or paye, any some of money, fee, or reward, or make any promise couenaunt bonde, or other assuraunce, to gyue, or paye, any somme of money, fee, or rewarde.

And be it also enacted, by thauthozitie aforesaide, that al, and euery suche bargaines, sales, promises, bondes, agreements, couenauntes and assuraunces, as be befoze specified, shalbe void, to & againste hym and them, by whome any suche bargain, sale, bonde, promise, couenaunt, or assuraunce, shalbe had, or made.

Provided alway, that thys acte, or any thyng therin conteined, shall not in any wise extende, to any office, or offices, wherof any persone, or persones, is or shalbe seyled, of any estate of enheritaunce, nor to any Office of parkershippe, or of the keepyng of any Parke, house, manour, garden, chace, or forrest, or to any of them, any thyng in thys acte heretofore mencioned to the contrary thereof in any wise, not withstandyng.

Provided also, that if any persone, or persones, do hereafter offēde in any thyng contrary to the tenour, & effect of this acte, yet that not withstanding, al iudgementes geuen, and al other acte, and actes, executed, or done, by any suche persone, or persones, so offending by authozitie, or colour of the office, or deputaciō, which ought to be forfeited, or not occupied, or not enioyed by the persone, so offēding, as is aforesaid, after thesaid offēce so by suche persone committed, or done, & befoze suche person so offending, for thesame offence be remoued fro the exercise, administration, and occupation of thesaide office, or deputation, shalbe, and remaine, good, and sufficiente in Lawe, to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, in suche lyke maner and fourme as thesame shoulde, and ought to haue remained, and bene, yf thys acte, had neuer bene hadde or made.

Provided also that this acte, or any thing therin cōteined, shall not in any wise extende, to any bargain, sale, gifte, graunt nominacion, bonde, couenaunt, promise, agreement, or assuraunce whatsoeuer it be of, or for any the office, or offices, deputation, or deputaciōs aforesaid or any parte of any of theim, had made, done, concluded, or agreed, befoze the firste daye of Marche nexte comming, but that thesame bargain, sale, gift, graunt, nominacion, bonde, couenaunt, promise, agreement, or assuraunce, hadde, made, concluded, or agreed, befoze the sayde firste daye of Marche, shall alwayes remaine, continue, and be in suche force, strengthe, and effecte, as yf this Acte had neuer

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bene had, or made, any thing before in this acte mencioned to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstanding.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaide, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteined, shal not in any wise extend, or be prejudiciall, or hurtfull, to any of the chiefe Justices of the Kynges Courtes, commonly called the Kynges Bench, or Common place, or to any of the Justices of Assise, that now be, or hereafter shal be, but that they, and euery of them, maie doe in euery behaulfe, touching, or concerning, any office, or offices, to be geuen, or graunted, by them, or any of them, as thei, or any of them mighte haue done, before the makynge of this Acte, any thyng aboue mencioned to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

The. xlii. Chapitre. An acte for the continuance of cer- taine Statutes.



Here in the parlamente begonne and holden at London, the thirde daie of Nouembre, in thone and twentye yere of the reigne of our late moste dradde souereigne Lorde of moste famous memory Kyng Henry the eighte, and from thence adiourned to Westminster, and there holden and continued, by diuers prorogations, vnto the dissolution therof, one Acte was made and established, for the restrainte of carieng, and conueighing of Horses, and Mares, out of this Realme: And also one other Acte was there made in thesaide Parliament, for the true makynge of Cables, Hallsers, and Ropes: And also one other acte was ther made for the true wyndyng of Wolles: And one other acte, to restraine kyllyng of Mainlynge, Bullockes, Stieres, and Heickfers, beyng vnder the age of two yeres, whiche saide seuerall actes, ware then made to endure and continue, vnto the next Parliament, as by thesame thre seuerall actes: more plainly appereth: And where also in thesame parlamente, one other acte was made, and established, for attaintes to be sued, for the punishment of periury, vpon vntrue verdictes, whiche acte last before reherfed, was then made, & ordeined, to continue and endure to the last daie of the next parliament, as by thesame acte more plainly at large, is shewed, and maie appere: And where also in the Parliament, begon & holden at westminster, the. viii. daie of June, in the. xlii. yere of the reigne of our saide most drad souereigne Lorde, kyng Henry the. viii. and there continued, & kept, vntill the dissolution therof, it was ordeined, & enacted, that al & singuler thesaid actes, aboue remembred, & euery of the, sholde continue & endure in their force and

and strength, and also be obserued, and kepte, vntill the laste day of the nexte Parliament, as by the same Acte amonges other thynges therein conteined, moze plainly appereth:

And where also in the Parliament begonne, and holden at Westmynster the .xxviii. day of Aprill, in the .xxxi. yere of the reigne of our sayd most drazd souereigne Lorde kyng Henry theight, and there continued vntill the .xxviii. day of June the nexte folowynge: It was ordeined, and enacted by thauthozitic of thesame Parliament, that all and singuler thesaid seuerall Actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, and all clauses articles, and prouisions in them, and euery of them conteined, shoulde continue and endure in their force, and strength, and also be obserued, & kepte, vntill the last day of the nexte Parliament, as by thesame Acte amonges other thynges therein conteined, moze plainly appereth:

And where also in the last Session of thesame Parlamēt, begonne at Westmynster the .xii. day of Aprill in thesaid .xxxi. yere of the reigne of our sayde late souereigne Lord, and there by diuers prorogacions continued, vntill the .xxiii. day of Juli, in the .xxxi. yere of our said late Souereigne Lorde, there was one other Acte made, and established concerning buyeng of fishe vpon the Sea: And also one other Acte was there made in thesaid Parlamēte for reasonable prices of wynges to be sette, as by the same two Actes laste recited moze plainly doeth appere:

And where in the parlamente holden at Westminster in the .xxxb. yere of the reigne of our said most drazd souereigne lorde kyng Henry the .viii. one acte was made for the preservation of wooddes, to endure for .vii. yeres, then next folowynge, and from thence vnto the end of the next parlamente, as by thesame acte moze plainly it doth and may appere:

And where also at the Parlamēte holden at Westminster, in the .xxxbii. yere of the reigne of our saide most drazd souereigne lorde kyng Henry theighte, and there continued, and kepte vntill the dissolucion therof: It was ordeined, and enacted, that all and singuler thesaide Actes aboue mencioned, and euery of them, except thesaid acte made for the preservation of wooddes as is aforesaide, shoulde continue & endure in their force, and strength, and also be obserued, and kept vntill the last day of the next parlamente, as by thesame acte amonges other thynges therein conteined moze plainly appereth:

And where also in the Session of the parlamente holden at Westmynster the .iiii. daye of Nouembze, in the thirde yere of the reigne of our nowe most drazd souereigne Lorde kyng Edward the sixthe, one other acte was made in thesame parlamente against vnlawfull hunting in any parke, forrest, chafe, or other enclosed groundes, whiche act was then made to endure the space of thze full yeres to be complete &

fully ended, from the first day of May then next commynge, as by the same acte moze plainly appereth. And forasmuche as all and singuler thesaide seuerall actes aboue mencioned, be good and beneficial for the common welth of this realme:

Be it therfore enacted, ordeined, and established by the kyng our soueraigne lord, with thassent of the Lordes Spirituall, and Temporal, and the communes in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauthozitie of thesame, that al and singuler thesaide seuerall actes, and statutes aboue mencioned, or reheresed, and euery of theyn, & al clauses, articles, and prouisions in them, and euery of them conteined, and also al, and euery other bzaunche, article, and sentence conteined in thesaide acte, made in thesaid. xxxvii. yere of thesaide late kyng of most famous memozy Henry theight, touching, or in any wise concerning the setting of prices of wyne, or the sale of thesame, shalbe reuiued, continued, stande, and endure in their force, and strengthe, to al ententes, constructions, and purposes, and shalbe obserued, and kepte in all thynges vnto the laste daie of the next Parliament.

The. xlviii. Chapiter.

An acte, repealyng a Statute made in the fourth yere of kyng Henry the seuenth, against the bynyng in of wyne, and woade in straunge botomes.



Where in the Parlaunte holden at Westminster, the. xiii. day of January in the. iiii. yere of the reigne of the famous prince, of woorthy memozy king Henry the seuenth afte the conquest, graundfather to our now most gracious, and natural soueraigne liege lord, it was amongst other thinges ordeined, stablished, and enacted, that no maner of persone, of what degre, or condicion, that he ware, shoulde conuey, or bring into this realme, Irelande, Wales, Calais, or the marches therof, or Barwicke, from the feast of the Natiuite of S. Ihon Baptist, that after that was, in the yere of our lord, God, M. iiii. c. lxxxix: any maner wines growing of the duchy of Guien, or Gascoigne, or woade, called Choulouse woade, but suche as shoulde be conueied, auentured, & brought in ship, or shippes, wherof thesaide late kyng, or some of his subiectes of this realme of Englande, Irelande, Wales, Calais, or Barwicke, ware owners, possessours, and proprietaries, and the master vnder god, and the mariners of the same Shippe, or Shippes, Englishe, Irishe, Walshe, or men of Barwicke

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wicke, or men of Calais, or of the marches of the same, for the more partie, upon paine to forfeite the same wines, or woade, so brought contrary to the said Acte, as in the said Acte more at large, it dothe and maie appere.

The which Acte was supposed to be made for the maintenaunce of the naup of this realme. And also to the intent, and upon good hope and trust to haue had the same wines, and woade, at more easy prices then before they had bene, the experience wherof hath euer sithen (and now of late mooste of all) appered to the contrary, for that the said wines and woade, be daily solde at suche excessiue prices, as hath not before bene sene within this realme, and the nauie of the realme ther by neuer the better mainteined.

In consideration wherof, be it enacted, ordeined, and established by the kyng our souereigne Lorde, with thassent of the lordes, and commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same: That from the first daie of February next commynge, after the Session of this present parliament, vnto the first daie of October then folowynge, and so yerely, and from yere to yere, beginnyng at, and betwene the first daie of February, and the first daie of October, it shal and may be lawfull to al, and euery person, and persons, being of the partes, or countries in amitie with our souereigne lorde the kyng to conueie, or bryng into this realme, Irelande, Wales, Calais, or the marches of the same, or Barwicke, any maner of wines, of the growynge of the Duchie of Guien, or Gascoine, or of any other part of Fraunce, and Tholouse woade, or any of them, in whatsoeuer ship or shippes, craier, or craiers, bote, or botes, or by any other meane, whosoever be, or shalbe therof owner, possessour, or proprietary, beyng of the partes, or countries in amitie of our Souereigne Lorde, or whosoever be thereof master, mariner, or mariners in the same, without any forfeiture, or penaltie therof to be had. The said statute, or any thing therein contened to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstanding.

The .xix. Chapitre.

**An acte, touchynge the exchange
of Golde and
Silver.**



Here in the parliament holden at Westmynstre the .xxv. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the .iii. it was accorded that it shulde be lawfull for euery man to exchange golde for silver, or silver for golde, or for gold and silver so that no man did hold the same as exchanged, nor take nor profite for makynge of suche exchange, upon paine of forfeiture of the money so exchanged, except the Kinges Exchaungers,

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gers, whiche take profite of suche exchaunge, accoꝝdyng to an orde-
nauunce befoꝛe that tyme made. Whiche statute not withstandyng, di-
uers couetous persons of their owne aucthorities, haue of late taken
vpon them to make exchaunges, as wel of coigned golde, as of coigned
siluer, receiuyng and paieng therfoꝛe moze in value, then hath ben de-
clared by the kynges proclamation to be curraunte foꝛ, within thys
his realme, and other his dominions, to the greate hindꝛaunce of the
commune wealth of this realme:

Be it therfoꝛe enacted by the kyng our souereigne Lorde, by the as-
sent of the Lordes, and Commons in thys present parliament assem-
bled, and by th aucthoritie of the same, that if any persone, oꝛ persones
aftre the firste daye of Apryl nexte commyng, exchaunge any coigned
Golde, coigned Siluer, oꝛ money, geuyng, receiuyng, oꝛ paieng any
moze in value, benefite, profite, oꝛ aduauntage foꝛ it, then the same is
oꝛ shalbe declared by the kynges Maiesties Proclamation to be cur-
raunt foꝛ, within this his highnes realme, and other hys dominions,
That then al the said coigned Golde, Siluer, and money so exchaun-
ged, and euery parte, and parcel therof shalbe forfeit, and the parties
so offendyng, shall suffre imprisonment by the space of one whole yere
and make fine at the kynges pleasure. The one moietie of the said
Golde, Siluer, oꝛ coigne so forfeited, to be to the kyng our souereigne
Lorde, and the other moietie to be to the partie that seileth the same,
oꝛ will sue foꝛ it by Bille, Plainte, Originall, Action of debte,
Information, oꝛ otherwys in any of the kynges cour-
tes of Recorde, in whiche sute, no Essoyne, pro-
tection, oꝛ Wager of Lawe shall lie,
be allowed, oꝛ admit-
ted.

The .xx. Chapiter.

An acte againste Usurie.



Here in the .xxxvii. yere of the reygne of the late
kyng of famous memory kyng Henry theight,
father to our Souereigne Lorde the kyng that
nowe is amongst other Actes, and Statutes,
then made, it was enacted by aucthoritie of par-
lamēt, that no person, oꝛ persons, at any tyme af-
tre the laste daie of January in the said seuen
and thirtie yere, shoulde haue, receiue accepte, oꝛ
take, in lucre, oꝛ gaines, foꝛ the loan, forbearyng, oꝛ geuyng daie of
paiment of any somme of mony, foꝛ one whole yere, aboue the some of
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lesse,

lesse some, or for a longer, or shorter tyme, vpon the paines, and forfeitures in the said acte mencioned, and conteined. The which acte was not ment, or entended for the maintenaunce, and allowaunce of vsury as diuers persones, blinded with inordinate loue of themselves, haue and yet do mistake the same but rather was made & etended, against all sortes, & kyndes of vsury, as a thyng vnlawful, as by the title and preamble of the said acte it doth plainly appere. And yet neuertheles the same was by the said acte permitted, for thauoiding of a more euell & inconuenience, that befoze that tyme was vsed & exercised. But for as muche as vsury is by the word of God vtterly prohibited, as a vice most odious, and detestable, as in diuers places of the holy scripture, it is euident to be sene, whiche thyng by no godly teachynges and persuasions can synke into the hartes of diuers gredy, vncharitable, and couetous persones of this realme, nor yet by any terrible threatnynges of Goddes wrathe, and vengeaunce, that iustly hangeth ouer this realme for the greate and open vsury therin daily vsed, and practised they wil forsake suche filthy gaine, and lucre, onles some temporal punishment be prouided, and ordeined in that behalfe: For reformation wherof, be it enacted by thauthozitie of this present parliament, that from the first daie of Maie, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord god M.D.Lii. the said acte and statute, concernyng onely vsury lucre, or gaines, of, or for the lone, forbearyng, or geuyng daies of any somme, or sommes of money, be vtterly abrogated, boide, and repealed.

And furthermoze be it enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that fro, and aftr the said first daie of Maie next comming, no person, or persons of what estate degre, qualitie, or condicio soener he, or thei be, by any corrupt colourable, or deceiptful conueighaunce, sleight, or engine, or by any waie, or meane, shal lea, geue, set out, deliuer, or forbere any some, or somes of money, to any person, or persones, or to any corporation, or body politique, to, or for any maner of vsury, encrease lucre gain, or interest, to be had receiued, or hoped for, ouer & aboue the some or somes so lent, geuen set out, deliuered, or forborne, vppon paine of forfeiture the value, as wel of the some, or somes so lent, geuen, set out deliuered, or forborne, as also of the vsury, encrease, lucre, gaine, or interest therof. And also vpon paine of imprisonment of the body, or bodies, of euery suche offendour, or offendours, and also to make fine, & raundsome, at the kynges wil and pleasure. The moitie of which forfeiture of the said value shalbe to the king, and thother moitie to the partie that wil sue for the same, in any of the kinges courtēs of record by action of debte, bill, plaint, or information, wherein no wager of lawe, essoine, or protection, shalbe allowed, or admitted.

The. xxi. Chapitre.
An acte against Tinckers,
and Pedlers.

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Forasmuche, as it is evident, that Tinkers, pedlers, and suche lyke bagraunt persons, are moze hurtful then necessary to the common welth of this realme. Be it therfore ordeined, established, and enacted, by aucthoritie of this present parlamente, that from and after the feast of the natiuite of s. Iohn Baptist next comyng, no person, or persons, comonly called Pedler Tinker, or petie chapman, shal wander, or go, from one toun to an other, or from place to place, out of the toun, paroch, or village where suche persons, shal dwel, and sel pinnes, pointes, laces, gloues, kniues, glasses, tapes, or any suche kind of wares, whatsoeuer, or gather cony skinnies, or suche like thing, or vse, or exercise the trade, or occupation of a Tinker, but onely suche persone, or persones as shal be therunto licenced. And that in suche circuite, or compasse, as shal be to hym, or them assigned, by two Justices of peace, or mo, of the Shiere where he, or they shal dwel, by writyng vndre their handes, & seales, vpon paine that euery person, whiche shal offende contrary to the meynyng of this acte, shal by any Justice of the Shiere, where the same offence shal be comitted, vpon complaint and due prouise had, by witnes or otherwise, be imprisoned, by the space of. xiiii. daies at the least.

The xxii. Chapiter.

An acte for the puttyng downe of
Gigge Milles.



Forasmuche as true Drapery of Wollen clothes is to be comended, as wel in forein realmes, as in this realme of Englande, & al waies, and meanes, vled to the contrary are to be eschued, and taken away: And forasmuche, as in many partes of this realme is newly and lately deuised, erected, builded, & vled certain milles, called Gigge milles, for the perechynge, and burlyng of clothe, by reason whereof, the true draperie of this realme is wonderfully empaiied, and the clothe thereof deceptfully made, by reason of the vlyng of thesaide Gigge Milles: For remedy wherof, be it enacted by the kyng our souereigne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thaucthoritie of thesame, that no maner of person, or persons, astre thelast dai of May next comyng, shal vse, or occupie, any of thesaide Gigge Milles, for the woozkyng of any Wollen Clothe, or Clothes, made, or to be made, within this realme vpon paine of forfeiture, for euery clothe so wroughte, in, or by any of thesaide Milles, called Gygge Milles. v. l. The moiety of all and euery suche forfeiture, and forfeitures, penaltie, and penalties, to be to the vse of our Souereigne Lorde the kyng, and his heires, and the other

other moietie, to the use of hym that shall sue for the same, in any of the kynges courtes, be it by writt bill, plainte, or enformation, wherein the defendaunt shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection, essoine, or iunction shalbe to hym allowed.

The. xxiij. Chapter.

**An acte for the true stuffyng of fetherbeddes,
Mattresses, and Quilshions.**



DOr the auoidyng of the greate deceipte used, and practised in stuffyng of fetherbeddes, bolsters, pillowes, mattresses, quilshions, and Quiltes: Be it enacted by thauthozitie of this present parliament that from, and after the last daie of June next comyng, no persone, or persones, whatsoeuer, shall make (to thentent to selle, or offre to be solde) any fetherbedde, bolstre, or pillowe, excepte the same bee stuffed with drie pulled fethers, or cleane doune onely, without minglyng of skalded fethers, fennedowne, Chistledowne, Sande, Lyme, Grabelle, Unlawfulle, or corrupte stuffe, Heare, or any other vpon paine of forfeiture of all suche fetherbeddes, bolsters, and pillowes, and euery of them so offered to bee solde or the value thereof.

And be it further enacted by the same authozitie, that from, and after thesaide daie, no persone, or persones, shall make (to thentente to selle, or offer, or put to sale) any quilte, mattress, or quilshions, whiche shalbe stuffed with any other stuffe, then fethers, wolle, or flockes alone, vpon paine of forfeiture, of al, and euery suche quiltes, mattresses, or quilshions, so solde, or offered to be solde, or the value thereof. The moietie of all whiche forfeitures shalbe to the kyng our soueraigne Lorde, his heires, and successours, and the other moietie thereof to any suche persone, or persons, as will sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, or in any other courte, wherein no wager of Lawe, essoine, or protection, shalbe allowed for the defendaunt, or defendantes.

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An Acte for the makynge of Hattes, Dozneckes, and Couerlectes, at Nozwich, and in the countie of Nozff.



Wete the makynge of Hattes, Dozneckes, and Couerlectes, haue of late bene begonne to be practised within the cite of Nozwich, in whiche cite there be good and profitable ordinaunces, and constitutions, provided, and ordeined for the preservation, and continuance of the good makynge of the same hattes, dozneckes, and couerlectes, by reason wherof the young and ydle people of thesaid cite, to a great nombre, haue bene and yet be well occupied, mainteyned, and sette on worke. And forasmuche as diuers euil, and couctouse disposed persones, exercising the misteries of makynge of hattes, and weauynge of couerlectes, and dozneckes, within thesaid cite, and not beyng brought vp, or practised in thesaid artes or misteries, to the intent thei might occupie and exercise thesaid misteries out of the said cite of Nozwich, where no suche ordinaunces and constitutions be made, or provided, haue withdraue them selues from thesaid cite into certeine townes nigh about the same cite, where thei do, and may occupie, and exercise the makynge of hattes, weauynge of couerlectes, and dozneckes, disceyptfully, and insufficiently, without controullement, to the vtter decaye, as well of thesaid craftes, and misteries, as of thesaid cite, if remedie be not therein provided:

It may therfore be enacted by the Kynges Maiestie, with the assent of the lordes Spiritual, and Temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that no person by hym self, or by his seruaunt, or apprentice, shall from, and after the feast of S. Michael Tharchaungel nexte comynge, make, or worke any feltes, or thronmed hattes, or weaue, or make any couerlectes, or dozneckes, or occupie, vse, or exercise the misteries, or occupacions of makynge of feltes, or thronmed hattes, or weauynge of dozneckes, & couerlectes, or any of them, within thesaid cite of Nozwich, or within the countie of Nozff. ones he, or thei, that shall so make, or worke any such feltes, or hattes, or so occupie the occupacion, or misterie of makynge of feltes, or hattes as aforesaid, within thesaid cite, or countie, be licenced and admitted so to do by the Maiour, recorder, Stewarde, and two iustices of the peace of thesaid cite, or by foure of them, or that haue bene apprentice to the same occupacion, and misterie of feltes, & hattes makynge, by the space of. vii. yeres, & in like case ones suche person, or persons, that shall so make, or weaue dozneckes, or so occupie the occupacion, or misterie of dozneckes weauynge within thesaid cite, or countie be licenced, or admitted so to do by the Maiour, recorder, Stewarde, and two

two Justices of peace, of thesaide citie, or by foure of theym, or that haue bene apprentice to thesaide misterie, and occupatio, of doznekes weauyng, by the terme of. vii. yeres. And onles he, or they that shal so make, or weaue couerlectes, or so occupy the artes, or misterie of couerlectes, weauyng, or makynge, be licenced and admitted so to do, by the Maiour, recorder, stuarde, & two Justices of the peace, of thesaide citie or by. iiii. of them, or that haue bene apprentice to thoccupacion, & misterie of couerlectes, weauyng, or makynge, by the space or terme of. vii. yeres.

And be it also enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that no person, or persons, shal from hencefurth make any feltes, or hattes, or weaue, or make any doznekes, or couerlectes, as aforesaid, or occupy, exercise or vse thoccupacion, artes, or misteries, of making of hattes, or feltes, or weuung, or making of doznekes, or couerlectes, or any of the, as aforesaid in any place, out of thesaide citie of Norwiche, within the said county of Norff. but onely in a corporate, or market towne, by pain of forfeiting, alwel of the feltes, hattes, doznekes, and couerlectes. & euery of the, whiche shalbe made, wrought, or wouen, contrary to the fourme, effect, and tenour of this acte, or of any part, or clause thereof, as also x. s. for euery halfe doleune of thesaide feltes, or hattes, & of. iiii. s. iiii. d. for euery couerlecte, and of. vi. s. viii. d. for euery. vi. yardes of doznekes, so as is aforesaid, to be made, wouen, or wroughte contrarpe to this acte, thone halfe of whiche forfeitures to be to the kyng our souereigne lord, his heires, and successours, & the other haulf therof to the personne, or personnes, that shalle, or wille seile the same, or that will, or shal sue for thesame, or for any part therof, in the kinges courte of the Gylde hal, within thesaide citie of Norwiche, or in anye other of the kinges courtes of recorde, within this realme of Englad. by action of Detinue, debte, plaint, bill, or enformation, or otherwise. in which said action, or actions, sute, bil, plaint, or enformation, no essour, wager of lame, protection or forein plea, to the iurisdiction of the courte, shalbe admitted, or allowed.

Provided alwaie, that all and euery suche persons, or persones, as do now dwell, or hereafter shal dwell, and exercise the misterie of doznekes, and couerlectes making, within the towne or parochie of Dylham, in thesaide county of Norff. shal and maie occupie, & exercise the makynge of doznekes, and couerlectes, within thesaide towne of Dylham, as they haue heretofore vled to do, any thing in this acte contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that if the Maiour, Recorder, Stuarde, or Justices of peace, of thesaide citie for the tyme beyng, or any of them, shal take any somme of money, or rewarde, for admittynge of any person to occupy, or vse, any of the artes or misteries aforesaid, that for euery suche tyme, and euery suche case the persone, so offendynge, shal lose and forfeite, v. l. the one parte of

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whiche forfeiture, to be to our souereigne lord the kyng, and thother halfe to hym, or them that shall sue for thesame, as is aforesaide.

The. xxb. Chapter.

An acte for keepers of alehouses, to be bounde by recognisaunce.



Inasmuche, as intollerable hurtes, and troubles to the common wealth of this realme, daily doe growe and encrease through such abuses, and disorders, as are had, & vled in common alehouses, & other houses called tipling houses: It is therefore enacted by the kyng our souereigne lord, with the assent of the lordes, and commons in this present parliament asssembled & by thauthoritie of thesame that the Iustices of peace within euery shiere, cite, borough, towne corporate, fraunchesse, or libertie within this realme, or any of them at the least (wherof, one of the to be of the *Quorum*) shall haue full power and aucthoritie, by vertue of this Acte, within euery shiere, cite, borough, towne corporate, fraunchesse, & liberty, where they be Iustices of peace, to remoue discharge, and put away, commune selling of ale, and biere, in thesaide comune Alehouses, and tipling houses, in suche towne, or townes, and places, where they shall thinke mete and convenient. And that none after the first day of May next comynge shall be admitted, or suffered, to kepe any commune alehouse, or tipling house, but suche as shall be therunto admitted, & allowed, in open sessions of the peace, or els by two Iustices of the peace, wherof one to be of the *Quorum*. And that thesaide Iustices of the peace, or two of them (wherof the one to be of the *Quorum*, shall take bonde, and suretye, from tyme to tyme, by recognisaunce, of suche as shall be admitted, and allowed hereafter to kepe any commune ale house, or tipling house, as wel for, and against the vsing of vniuersall games, as also for the vlsing and maintenaunce of good order, and rule, to be had and vled within thesame, as by their discretion shall be thought necessary, and convenient for making of euery whiche recognisaunce, the partie, or parties that shall be so bounde, shall paie but. xii. d. And thesaide Iustices shall certifye thesame recognisaunce, at the next quarter sessions of the peace to be holden within thesame shiere, cite, borough, towne corporate, fraunchesse, or libertie, where suche Alehouse, or tipling house, shall be. The same recognisaunce there to remaine of recorde before the Iustices of peace of that shiere, cite, borough, towne corporate, fraunchesse, or libertie upon paine of forfeiture to the kyng for euery suche recognisaunce taken, and not certified iii. l. vi. s. viii. d.

And it is further enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that the Iustices of peace of euery shiere, cite, borough, towne corporate, fraunchesse, & libertie,

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libertie, where such recognisance shall be taken, shall have power and auctorite by this acte, in their quarter Sessions of the peace, by presentment, information, or otherwise by their discretio, to enquire of all such persones, as shall be admitted and allowed to kepe any Alehouse, or Tipling house, and that be bounde by recognisance as is aboue saide, if they or any of them haue done any acte, or actes, whereby they, or any of the haue forfeited thesame recognisance. And thesaid Justices in every Shiere, and places where they be Justices, shall vpon every such presentment, or informacio, awarde processe against every such persone, so presented, or complained vpon before them, to shewe why he shoulde not forfeite his recognisance, and shall haue full power and auctorite by this acte, to heare & to determine thesame by al such wayes & meanes, as by their discrecion, shall be thought good.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any persone or persones, other the such as shall be hereafter admitted and allowed by thesaid Justices, shall after thesaid first day of May, obstinately, and vpon his owne auctoritie, take vpon him, or the, to kepe a commune Alehouse, or tipling house, or shall contrary to the commandement of thesaid Justices, or two of them, vse commonly selling of Ale, or biere: & the thesaid Justices of peace, or two of them (where of one to be of the *Quorum*) shall for every such offence, committe every such persone, or persones, so offendyng, to the comune Gaole, within thesame Shiere, Citie, Borrough, tounne corporate, fraunchesse, or libertie, ther to remaine without baile or mainprise, by & space of. iiii. dayes And before his, or their deliuerance, thesaid Justice shall take recognisance for him, or them so committed, with two sureties that he, or they, shall not kepe any commune Alehouse, Tipling house, or vse commonly selling of Ale, or Biere, as by the discretio of thesaid Justices shall be sene couenient. And thesaid Justices shall make certificat of every such recognisance, and offence, at the nexte quarter Sessions that shall be holden within thesame Shiere, Citie, Boroughe, Towne corporate, fraunchesse, or libertie, where thesame shall be committed, or done. Whiche certificat shall be a sufficient conuiction in the lawe, of the same offence. And thesayde Justices of peace vpon thesayde certificat made, shall in open Sessions assesse the fine for every such offence, at twenty shyllynges.

Provided alwaie, that in such townes & places, where any fayer, or faiers shall be kepte, that for & time only of thesame fayer, or faiers, it shall be lawfull for every persone, and persones, to vse commune selling of Ale, or Biere, in Bouthes, or other places there, for the relief of the kynges Subiectes, that shall repayre to thesame, in such like maner, and sorte, as hath bene vsed, and done, in tymes passed.

This acte, or any thyng therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

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The. xxvi. Chapitre.

An acte for writtes vpon proclamations, and exigentes, to be curraunt within the county Palantine of Lancastre.



Where the countie of Lancastre, is, and of long time hath bene, one auncient county Palantine of it self, in whiche county the kynges writte hath not, nor yet doth not renne, so that the writte of proclamation awarded vpon any exigend, against any person or persones, inhabityng within thesame county, in any action wherin processe of outlawry doth lye, according to the statute made in the. vi. yere of the reigne of our late souereigne, Lorde of famous memozy, kyng Henry the eight, cannot be directed to the Shierese of thesaide countye palantine, but vnto the Shierese of the county next adioynnyng vnto thesaide county palantine, so that the partie dwelling within thesaide county Palantine, against whome any suche exigende, and proclamation hath bene, or shalbe awarded, hath not had, nor hereafter can haue, any knowlege of thesame sute, or processe, by reason wherof many persones inhabityng within thesaid county palantine, without knowlege, haue bene outlawed, and hereafter be in like maner like to be outlawed, to their better bndoynges, if some speedy remedy be not the soner prouided:

Be it therfore and for diuers other good considerations enacted, or deined, and established by the kyng our souereigne lord, with thassent of the lordes spiritual and tempoal, and the communes in this present parliament assembled, & by thauthozitie of thesame, that if, and whesoeuer any writte of exigende, at any tyme after the first daie of Aprill, next comyng, shalbe awarded at p sute of the kyng, his heires or successors, kinges of this realme, or at p sute, or sutes of any other persō, or persōs, plaintiffe, or plaintiffes, in any actiō, or sute in any of the courtes of our said souereigne lord the kyng, his heires, & successors, kynges of this realme, comonly called p kynges Benche, & the common place, against any persone, or persones, dwelling within the said county palantine: that then immediately vpon the awardyng of euery suche exigende, the Justice, or Justices, before whom any such writte of exigēd vpon suche sute, or action shalbe sued, shall haue full power & authozitie, by vertue of this acte, to award one writ of proclamation, according to the tenour and effect of writtes of proclamation awarded vpon exigendes, & commonly directed out of any of the saide courtes into London, or into any other Chieres of this Realme, against any persone, or persons, dwelling in other Chiere, or Shieres of this realme where the kynges writte doth renne, according to the ordre & fourme of thesaide statute, made in the. vi. yere of the reigne of the

of the said late kyng, to be directed to the shierefe of the said countie palantine of Lancastre, where it shal happen the said defendaunt against whome any suche action shalbe sued as is aforesaid, to be dwelling & not to the shierefe of any other shiere next adioynynge to the said countie palantine any lawe custome, or vsage, hertofore vsed to the contrary notwithstanding. And that every suche writte of proclamation so to be hereafter awarded to the shierefe of the said countie palantine shal haue the same teste & day of retourne, as the exigendes, wher upon every suche writte of proclamation shalbe awarded, shal haue. And that every suche shierefe of the said countie palantine of Lancastre, to whome any suche writte, & writtes of proclamation shalbe directed, shal make proclamations of the said writte and writtes of proclamation, according to the tenour of the same, and shal make true returnes of the same, in such court and courtes, and before suche Justices as the tenour of the same writte, & writtes of proclamations, shal require and demaunde. And that all outlawries hereafter to be promulged, or pronounced, against any person, or persons, upon any suche exigende, or exigendes awarded against any persone, or persones, dwelling in the said countie palantine of Lancastre, & no writte of proclamations awarded in fourme abovesaid, to the shierefe of the said countie palantine of Lancastre, where the partie defendaunt shalbe as is aforesaid dwelling, or not returned, to be clerely void, and of none effecte nor force in the lawe.

And be it further enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that every shierefe of the said countie palantine for the tyme being, shal haue in every of the said courtes of the kynges beche, & of the comon place, one sufficient deputy at the least, to receiue al suche writtes of proclamations, whiche shalbe hereafter directed to every suche shierefe of the said countie palantine, for whom the same deputie, or deputies shalbe appointed, in like maner & fourme, & vpo like paines as by the former statutes, and lawes, of this realme, other shiereses of other shieres, or counties, within this realme of Englande, be bounden to haue in either of the same courtes. And that al suche writtes of proclamations aforesaid, shalbe deliuered vnto every suche deputie, or deputies of recorde in the same courtes, & either of them, & also like fees shalbe paid for makynge every suche writtes of proclamations, & for enrollynge the same of recorde, as is limited in the same statute, made in the said vi. yere of our said late souereigne lord kyng Henry the. viii.

Be it further enacted, and established by thauthozitie aforesayde, that if any such writ, or writtes of proclamations hereafter to be directed to any shierefe of the said countie palantine of Lancastre, be deliuered vnto any of the shiereses of the said countie palantine for þe tyme being, or to his, or their deputy, or deputies, in maner & fourme aforesaid, & the same shierefe, or shiereses, do not make true retourne of every

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suche writte and writtes, of proclamacions into suche court, or shir-
tes, out of whiche thesaide writte or writtes of proclamacions, shall be
awarded, that for euery suche default of non retourn, euery such
Shierefe for the tyme beyng, shall lose and forfeite, of the one halfe
wherof shalbe to our souereigne lord the kyng, bys heires and success-
sours, and the other haulf therof, to any suche persone or persones, as
will sue for thesame, in one action of debte to be grounded vpon this
acte, in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, wherein none effoyne,
protection or wager of lawe shalbe allowed or admitted.

Prrouided alwaies, that this Acte or any thyng therein contained,
shall not in any wise extende, or be preiudicial to thesame countie Bal-
antine of Lancastre, for, or concerning suche liberties, franchises or
priuileges, as belonge to thesame, or to any ministers or officers of the
same Countie Balantine, other wise or in any other maner then by the
true meanyng of this acte is befoze prouided and declared, any thyng
in this acte mentioned to the contrary, not withstanding.

Prrouided also, and be it further enacted and establyshed, by the
auctoritie aforesaide, that if any persone or persones, dwelling in
in thesaide countie Balantine, after the aforesayde firste day of April,
shalbe outlawed in any suche sute or action, as is aforesaide, that then
al writtes of special *Capias ut lagatum*, single *capias ut lagatum*, non molestandum, &
al other processe, for, or against any persone, or persones, so outlawed,
shall and may, from thencefurth be directed, from tyme, to tyme, to the
Chauncellour of the Duchie of Lancastre, who shall make lyke writ-
tes and processe thereupon, and of like effecte, sealed with the
seale of thesayd countie Balantine of Lancastre, to be di-
rected to the Shierefe of thesaid countie Balantine,
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